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Episode 54

ARISAKA-SAN'S...
...MOTHER?!

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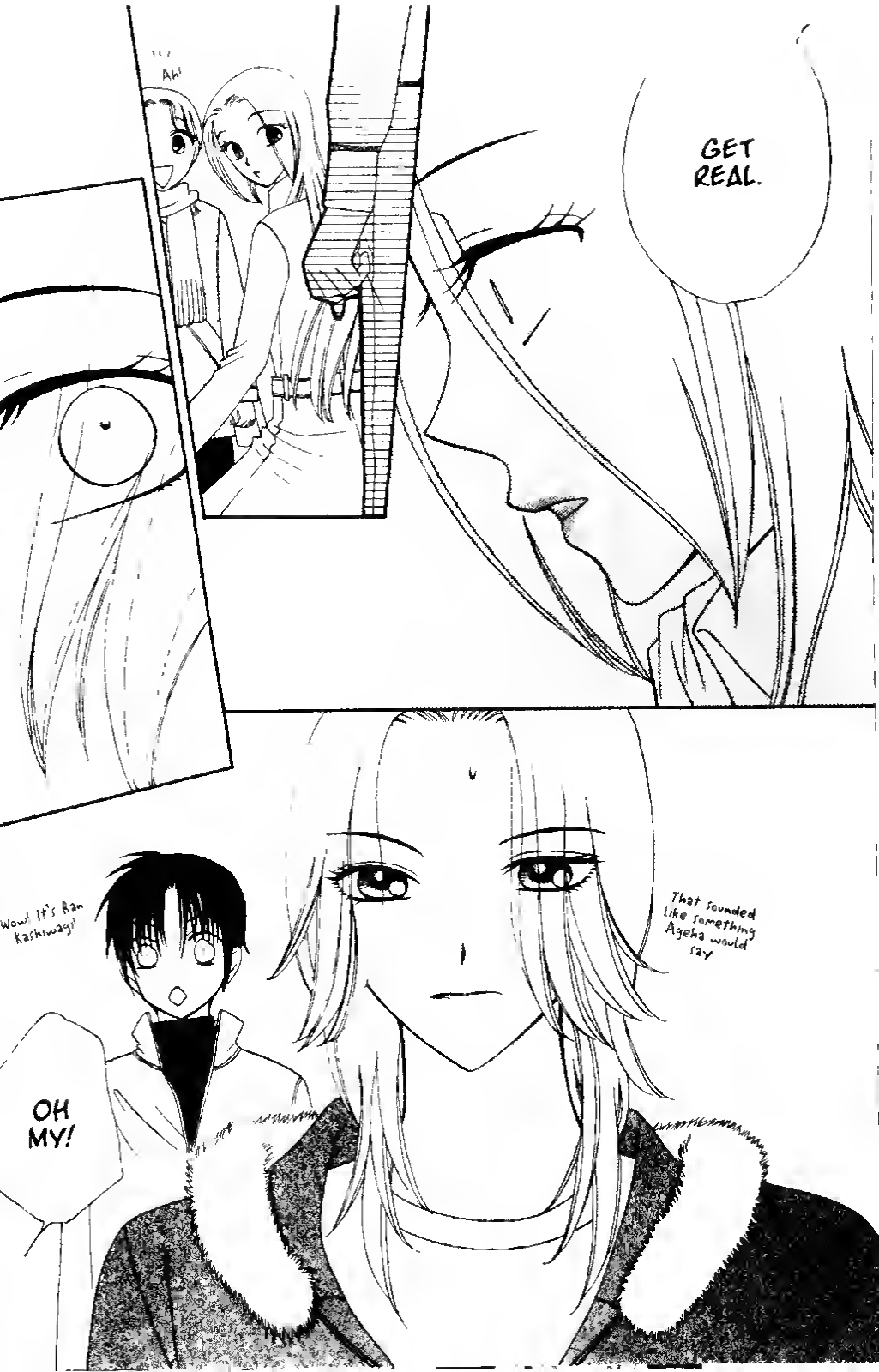
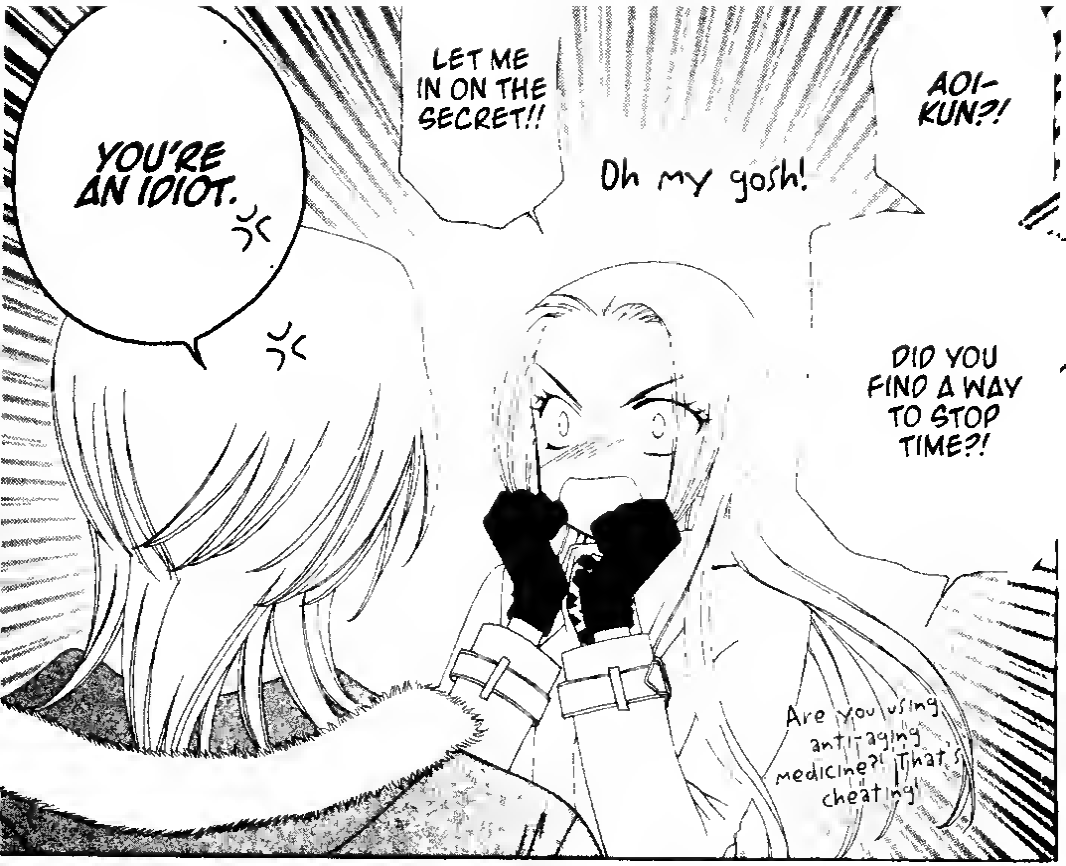
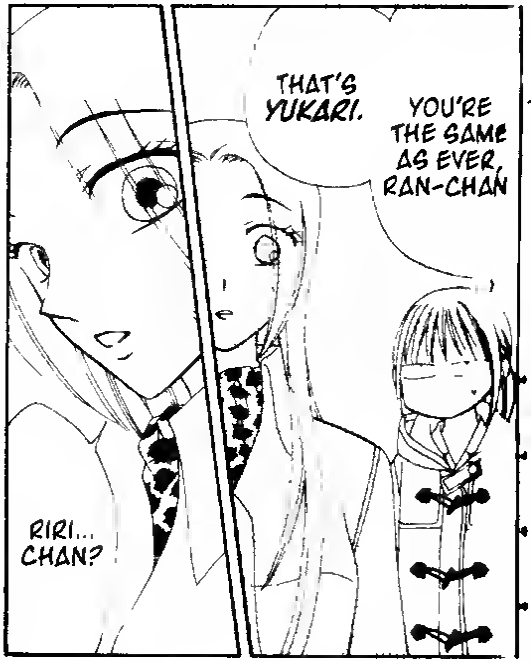
Oh my!
FAINT
GOODNESS! YUKARI, WHY ARE YOU STILL SO SMALL?!


Ah!
GET REAL.
Wow! It's Ran Kashiwagi!
That sounded like something Ageha would say
OH MY!

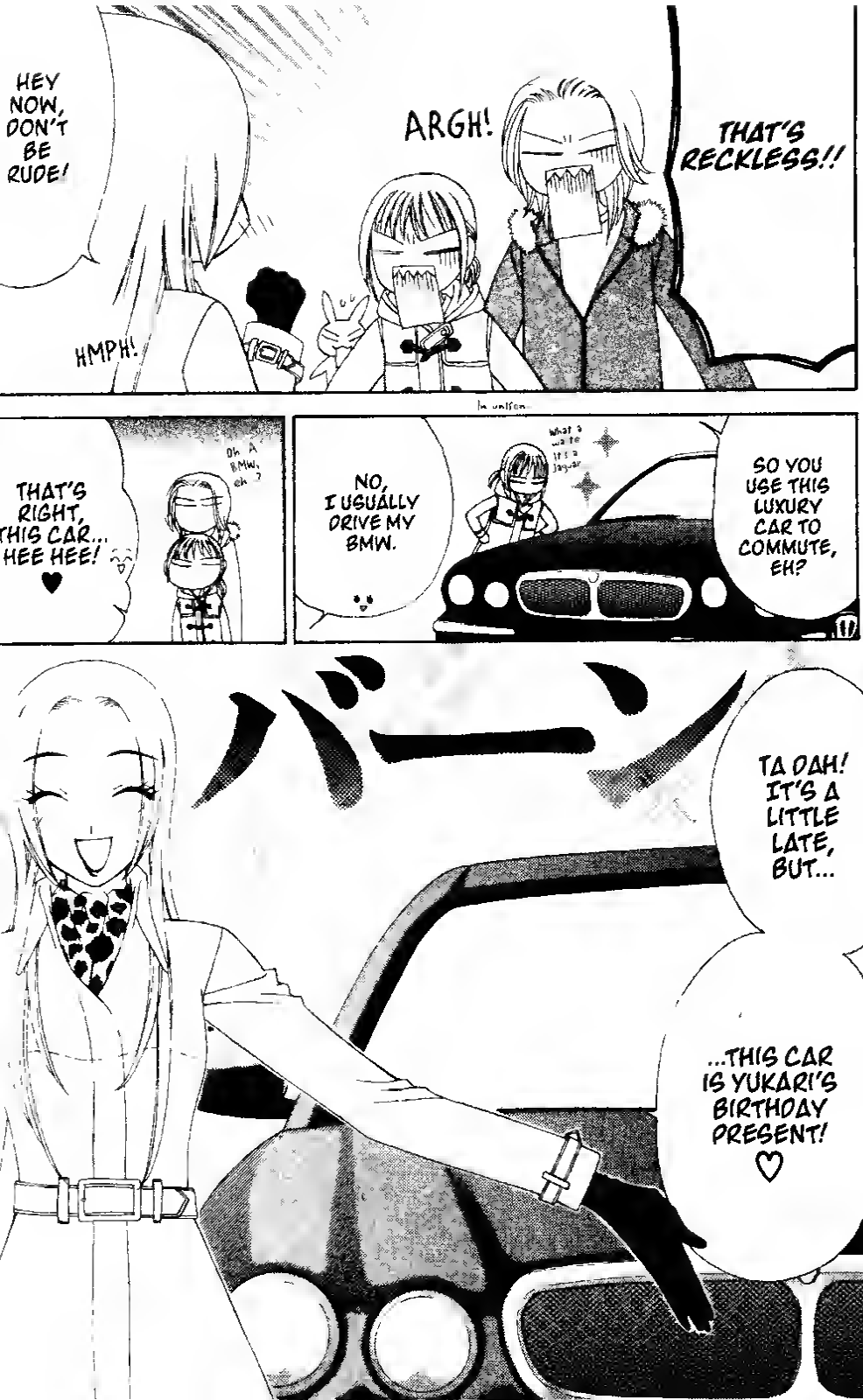

YOU'RE AN IDIOT.
LET ME IN ON THE SECRET!!
Oh my gosh!
AOI-KUN?!
DID YOU FIND A WAY TO STOP TIME?!
Are you using anti-aging medicine?! That's cheating!

DON'T EVEN.
Amazing
NOW YOU... YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT.
PINT-SIZED
So I still look like a little kid? Thanks!


RIRI... CHAN?
THAT'S YUKARI.
YOU'RE THE SAME AS EVER, RAN-CHAN

YUKARI?!!
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.
I HONESTLY CAN'T EVER TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
Jeez...
You're so big!!
No way!
WHAT?!
YUKARI...
WELL, EXCUUUSE US!
RAWR
Yeah, don't pick on me like that, maybe you shouldn't piss me off
Yeah, don't piss me off, either!
SNIFFLE
YOU'VE PICKED UP RIRI-CHAN'S SMART MOUTH...

Wow... the car's facing the wrong direction.
Came over to Rora
MAN...
THIS ISN'T WHAT I WAS EXPECTING TO FIND AFTER I HEARD SQUEALING TIRES.
What did you have to do to make it spin like that?
AWW...
YOU'RE TOO MANIC A DRIVER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE ROAD! I'VE TOLD YOU THAT A MILLION TIMES.
It's a miracle you didn't cause an accident on the way!
Ms. famous Actress driving her own car to work
BUT I ALWAYS DRIVE MY CAR TO WORK!
...DRIVE HERE FROM TOKYO IN THAT CAR, DID YOU?!
OH!
RAN-CHAN, YOU DIDN'T...
Tee hee.
YOU DROVE ?!
I ZOOMED ON OVER.


HEY NOW, DON'T BE RUDE!
HMPH!
ARGH!
THAT'S RECKLESS!!
In unison
THAT'S RIGHT, THIS CAR... HEE HEE!
Oh A BMW, eh?
NO, I USUALLY DRIVE MY BMW.
What a waste it's a Jag-ar
SO YOU USE THIS LUXURY CAR TO COMMUTE, EH?
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TA DAH! IT'S A LITTLE LATE, BUT...
...THIS CAR IS YUKARI'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT!

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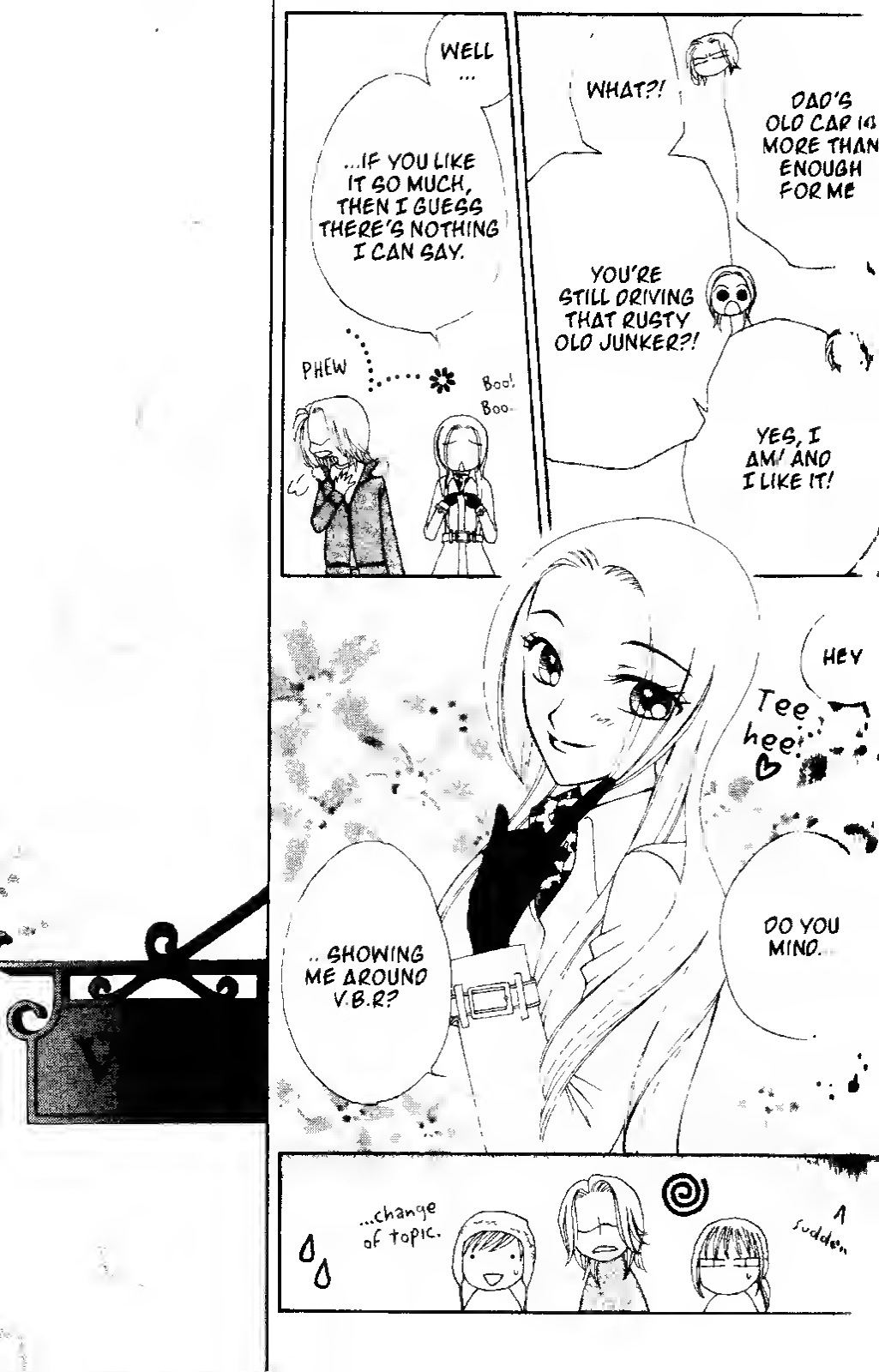
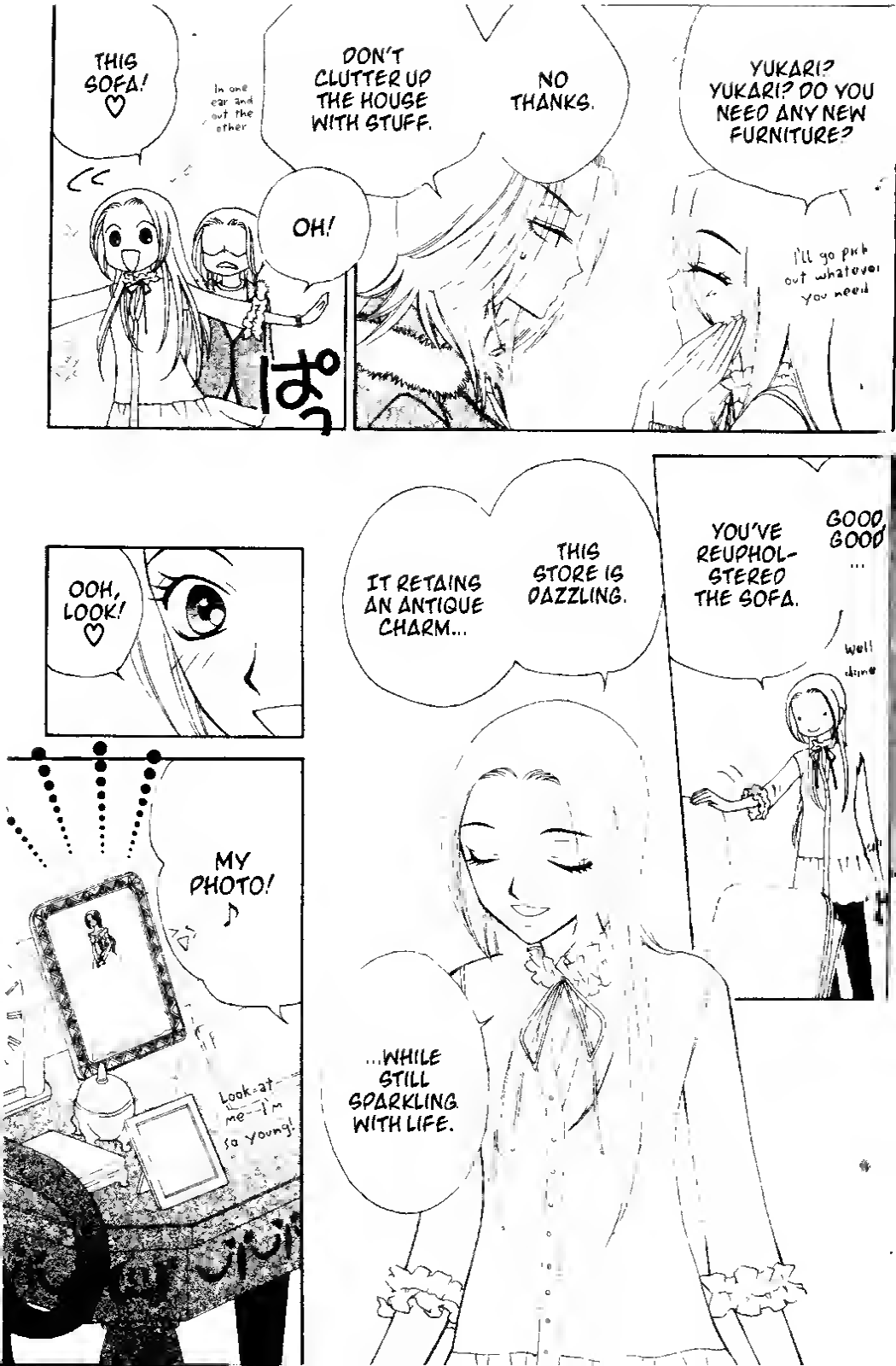
PFFT!
IT'S A SHINAGAWA LICENSE NUMBER BUT THE INSURANCE, PAPERWORK FEES AND REGISTRATION ARE ALL UNDER MY NAME.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
How does that make it okay...?!
GAAAAAAA
WHY DO YOU KEEP WASTING YOUR MONEY?!
IT'S OKAY.
...BUT THEY TOLD ME THEY COULDN'T DO IT IN TIME.
TO BE HONEST, I WANTED TO CUSTOM-ORDER LEOPARD-PRINT SEATS...
OH
YOU DON'T LIKE THE RED SEATS, DO YOU?

DIZZY
...FOR ONCE, JUST LISTEN TO ME. PLEASE...
Tee hee!
...RED WAS THE NEXT BEST CHOICE, AND SO VOILA!
SO! SINCE THE BODY IS METALLIC BLUE, I FIGURED...
I APPRE-CIATE THEM...
...BUT...
I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE GIFTS YOU'VE GIVEN ME.
WHAAAAT? BUT WHY?
Awww
BE-CAUSE!!
...THIS ONE I CAN'T ACCEPT!!


WELL ...
...IF YOU LIKE IT SO MUCH, THEN I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY.
PHEW
Boo! Boo..
WHAT?!
DAD'S OLD CAR IS MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ME
YOU'RE STILL DRIVING THAT RUSTY OLD JUNKER?!
YES, I AM! AND I LIKE IT!
HEY
Tee hee!
.. SHOWING ME AROUND V.B.R?
DO YOU MIND.
...change of topic.
Sudden

OOOH...
IT'S ALL THE SAME!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO SHUT YOUR MOUTH!
NOTHING CHANGED, JUST LIKE WITH RIRI-CHAN!
Amazing!


THIS SOFA! ♡
In one ear and out the other
DON'T CLUTTER UP THE HOUSE WITH STUFF.
OH!
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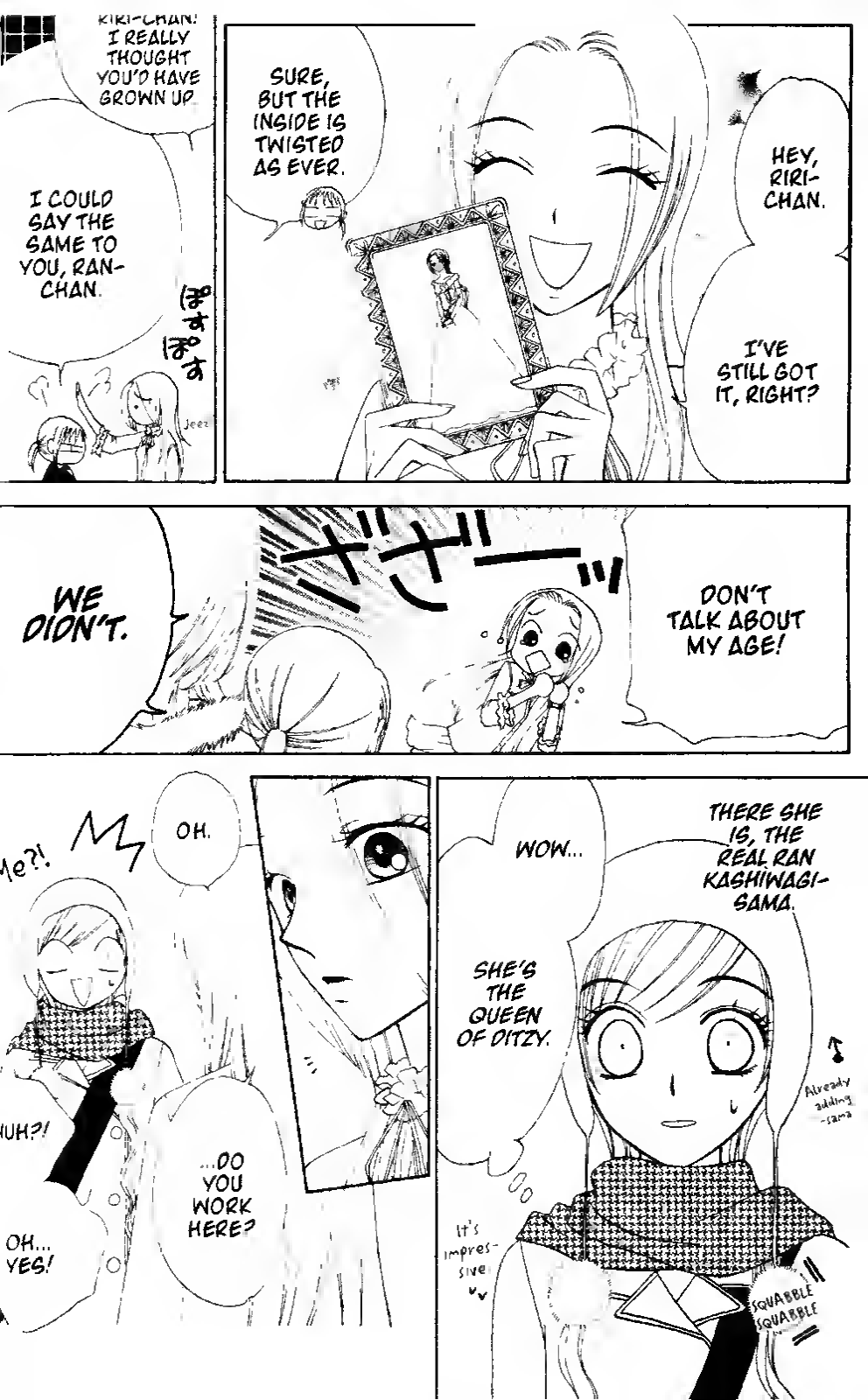
NO THANKS.
YUKARI? YUKARI? DO YOU NEED ANY NEW FURNITURE?
I'll go pick out whatever you need
OOH, LOOK! ♡
IT RETAINS AN ANTIQUE CHARM...
THIS STORE IS DAZZLING.
YOU'VE REUPHOLSTERED THE SOFA.
GOOD, GOOD ...
Well done
MY PHOTO! ♪
Look at me—I'm so young!
...WHILE STILL SPARKLING WITH LIFE.


RIRI-CHAN! I REALLY THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE GROWN UP.
I COULD SAY THE SAME TO YOU, RAN-CHAN.
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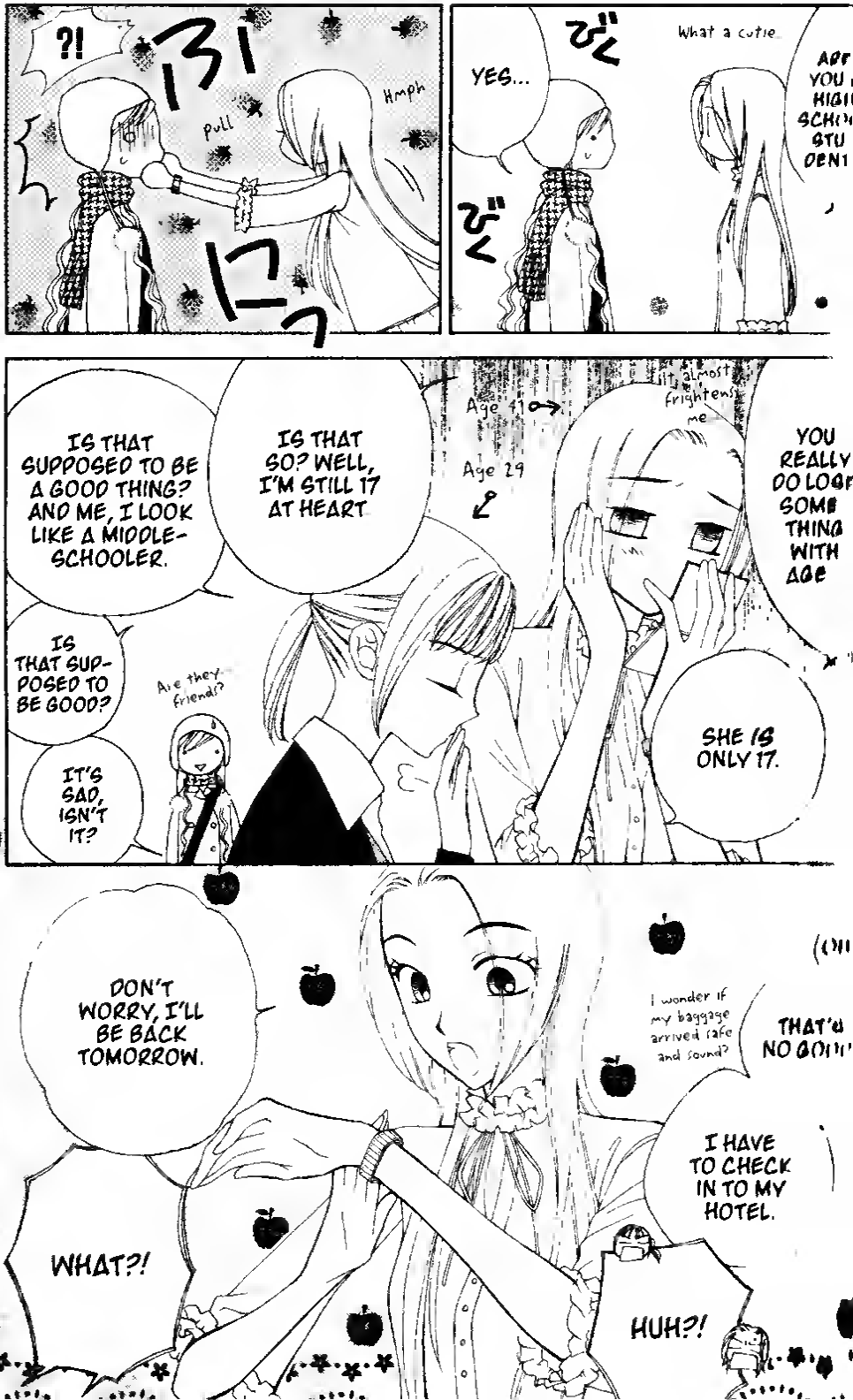
Jeez
SURE, BUT THE INSIDE IS TWISTED AS EVER.
HEY, RIRI-CHAN.
I'VE STILL GOT IT, RIGHT?
WE DIDN'T.
DON'T TALK ABOUT MY AGE!
OH.
...DO YOU WORK HERE?
OH... YES!
WOW...
THERE SHE IS, THE REAL RAN KASHIWAGI-SAMA.
SHE'S THE QUEEN OF DITZY.
Already adding -sama
It's impressive
SQUABBLE SQUABBLE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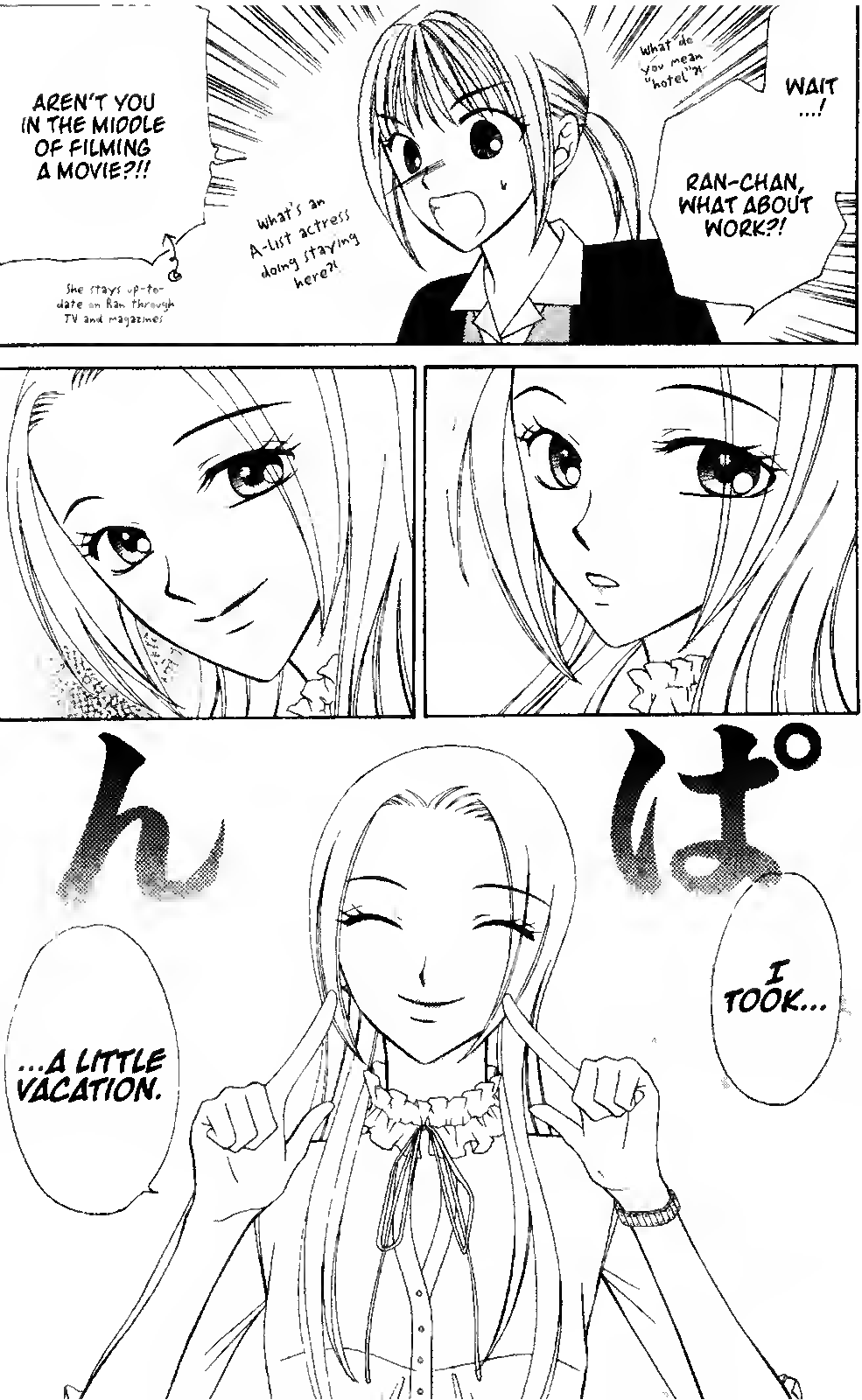
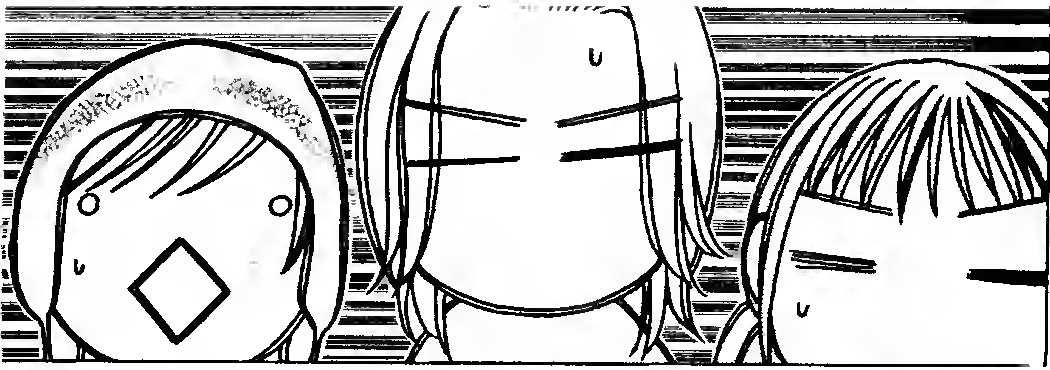
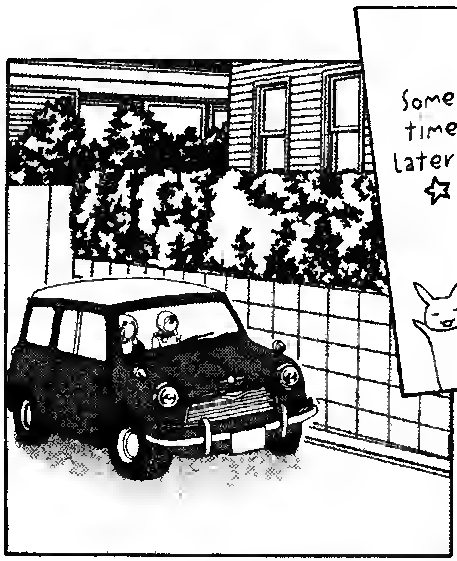
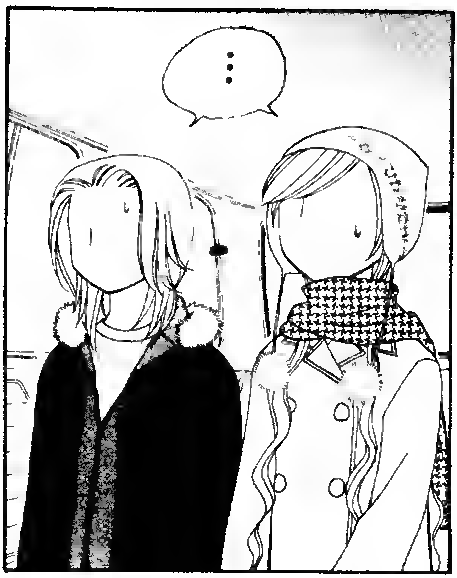
Hmph
pull
YES...
What a cutie
Age 41
Age 29
It almost frightens me
YOU REALLY DO LOOK SOMETHING WITH AGE
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A GOOD THING? AND ME, I LOOK LIKE A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER.
IS THAT SO? WELL, I'M STILL 17 AT HEART
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD?
Are they friends?
IT'S SAD, ISN'T IT?
SHE IS ONLY 17.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW.
I wonder if my baggage arrived safe and sound?
I HAVE TO CHECK IN TO MY HOTEL.
WHAT?!
HUH?!


AREN'T YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF FILMING A MOVIE?!!
She stays up-to-date on Ran through TV and magazines
What's an A-list actress doing staying here?!
What do you mean "hotel"?!
WAIT ...!
RAN-CHAN, WHAT ABOUT WORK?!
I TOOK...
...A LITTLE VACATION.




Some time later... ☆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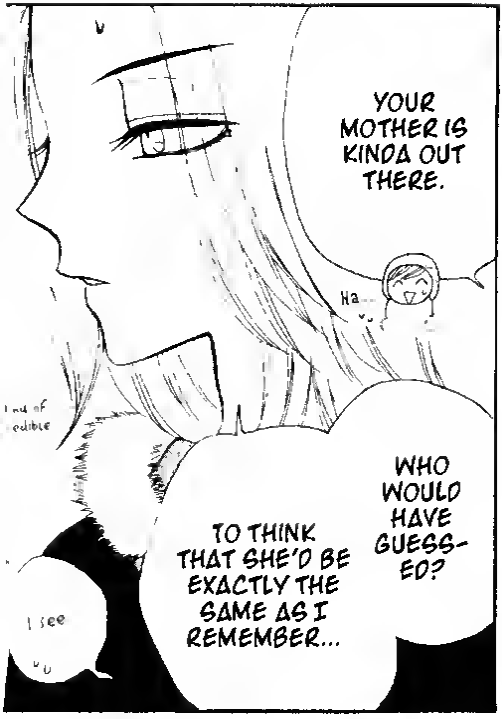
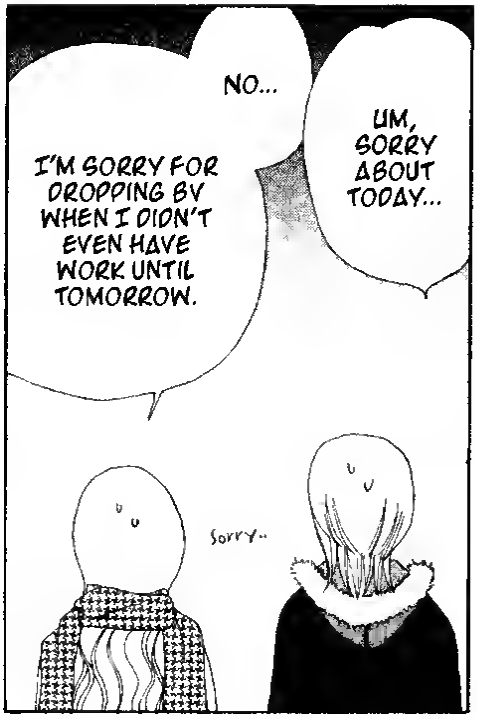
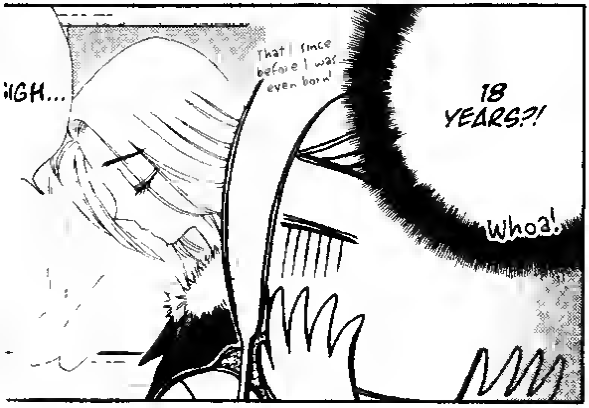
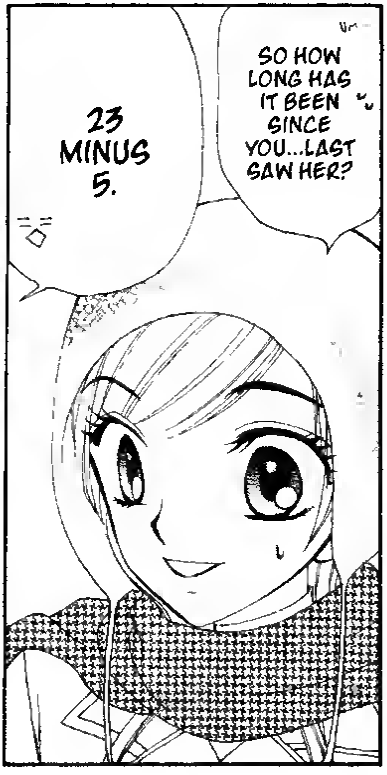
WHA...
WHAAAAT?!!


YOUR MOTHER IS KINDA OUT THERE.
Ha...
WHO WOULD HAVE GUESSED?
TO THINK THAT SHE'D BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS I REMEMBER...
I see


UM, SORRY ABOUT TODAY...
NO... I'M SORRY FOR DROPPING BY WHEN I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE WORK UNTIL TOMORROW.
Sorry...


18 YEARS?!
Whoa!
That's since before I was even born!


SO HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU...LAST SAW HER?
23 MINUS 5.

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ARE YOU OKAY ...?

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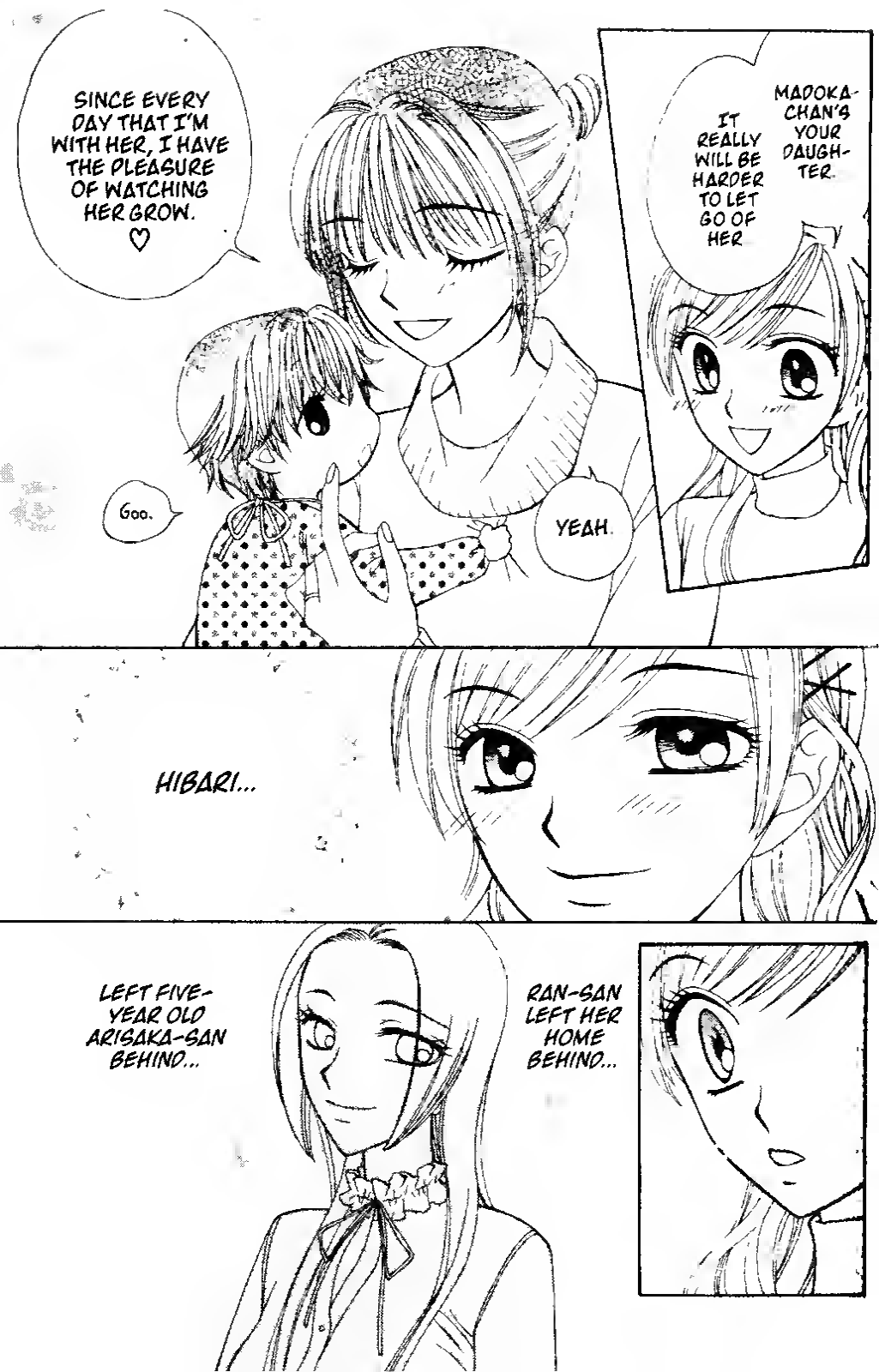
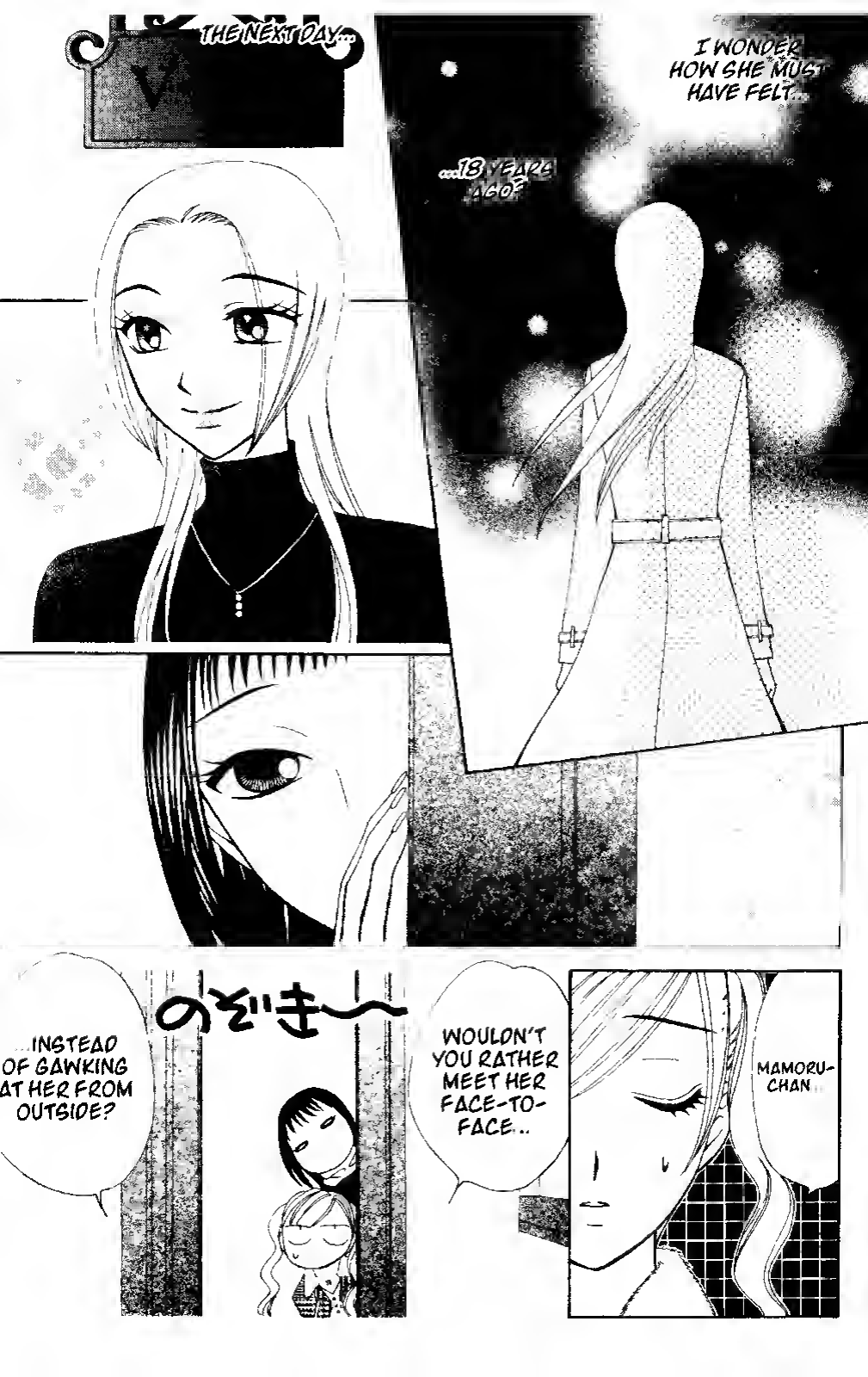
And I got a goodnight kiss!
IT'S NICE TO BE THANKED.
AGEHA, DID YOU JUST GET HOME?
WELCOME BACK.
HIBARI?
THANKS.

Hee hee
Oh yes!
SHE'S HERE!
SO WHERE'S MADOKA-CHAN?!
MADOKA, IT'S AGEHA-CHAN!
I CAME BY TO BRING YOU A SOU-VENIR FROM MAKOTO'S BUSINESS TRIP! ♪
OH MY GOSH! TO WHAT DO I OWE THE HONOR OF THIS VISIT?! ♡
3ヶ月
GOO?
Madoka-chan 4 months old
ISN'T SHE?! ISN'T SHE GOR-GEOUS?!
SQUEAL SQUEAL
SHE'S SO CUTE I COULD DIE!
SQUEAL SQUEAL
those girls are so goofy
Ngoo!
OOOOOH!!

AWW!
I'LL HELP YOU STALK HER! ♡
Mommy loves you, Madoka!
I'M WORRIED THAT WHEN SHE GOES TO PRE-SCHOOL...
...I'LL BECOME A TOTAL STALKER-MOM!
DOTING AUNT
DOTING MOTHER
YOU MADE MY LIFE SO MUCH EASIER. ♪
I COULDN'T EVEN LET GO OF AGEHA... AND SHE'S JUST MY SISTER!
HIBARI!!
Imagine how much worse it'll be with Madoka-chan!!
ha ha ha ha ha
Kinda Clingy
IMPOSSIBLE! I'LL NEVER WANT TO LET HER GO!
OR, BY THE TIME YOU CAN SEND HER OFF TO PRE-SCHOOL, YOU MIGHT BE SAYING, "THANK GOODNESS SHE'S OFF MY BACK."
Heh heh.
Mother knows best
WAH WAH
How terrible!
WHAT DO YOU THINK PRE-SCHOOL IS FOR, DEAR?

For working moms.


SINCE EVERY DAY THAT I'M WITH HER, I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF WATCHING HER GROW. ♡
Goo.
YEAH.
MADOKA-CHAN'S YOUR DAUGHTER.
IT REALLY WILL BE HARDER TO LET GO OF HER
HIBARI...
LEFT FIVE-YEAR OLD ARISAKA-SAN BEHIND...
RAN-SAN LEFT HER HOME BEHIND...


THE NEXT DAY...
I WONDER HOW SHE MUST HAVE FELT...
...18 YEARS AGO?
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...INSTEAD OF GAWKING AT HER FROM OUTSIDE?
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER MEET HER FACE-TO-FACE..
MAMORU-CHAN

MAMORU ...
THIS IS WEIRDLY PASSIVE FOR YOU.
I SEE.
Heh Heh..
IT'S BEST TO ADMIRE THE THINGS YOU LOVE FROM AFAR
AGEHA ...
OH, ARE THOSE YOUR FRIENDS?
THEY'RE HEEEEERE!
Shiver
WHAT WAS THAT?
I SUDDENLY FELT A CHILL GO UP MY SPINE.
Oops! They saw us!

Totem pole.

OH ..!
ARISAKA-SAN.
DON'T BE SHY. JUST COME IN.
Are you guys trying to give me a heart attack?
BAM!
MAMORU ...
SHALL WE GO, NAGARE?
SORRY ...
...FOR ANY TROUBLE.
THEY'RE COMING BACK TOMORROW?!
SEE YOU TOMORROW.
RIGHT
farewell.

OH, ARE YOU THE GIRL FROM YESTERDAY?
OH. YES. I'M AGEHA SHIROI.
MY FRIENDS ALWAYS JUST GO THEIR OWN WAY... SORRY
NO... IT'S OKAY...
UHH...
UM...
SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND.

YIKES!
DRAG
LET'S GO SHOPPING! ♡
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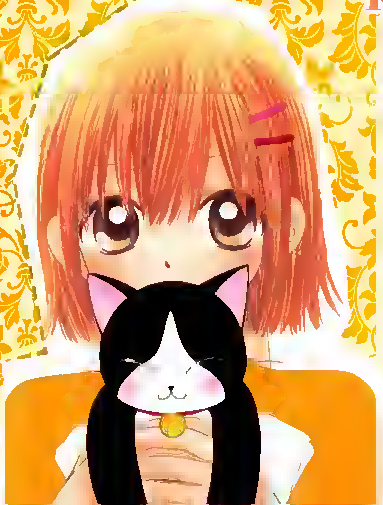
SAY WHAAAT?!



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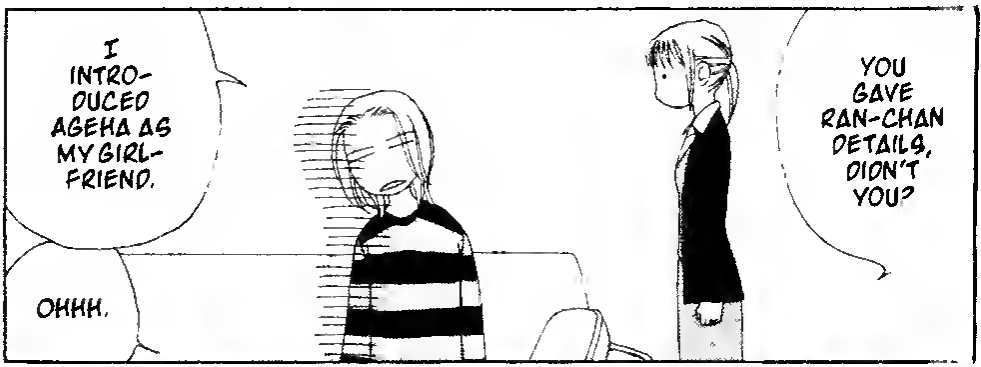
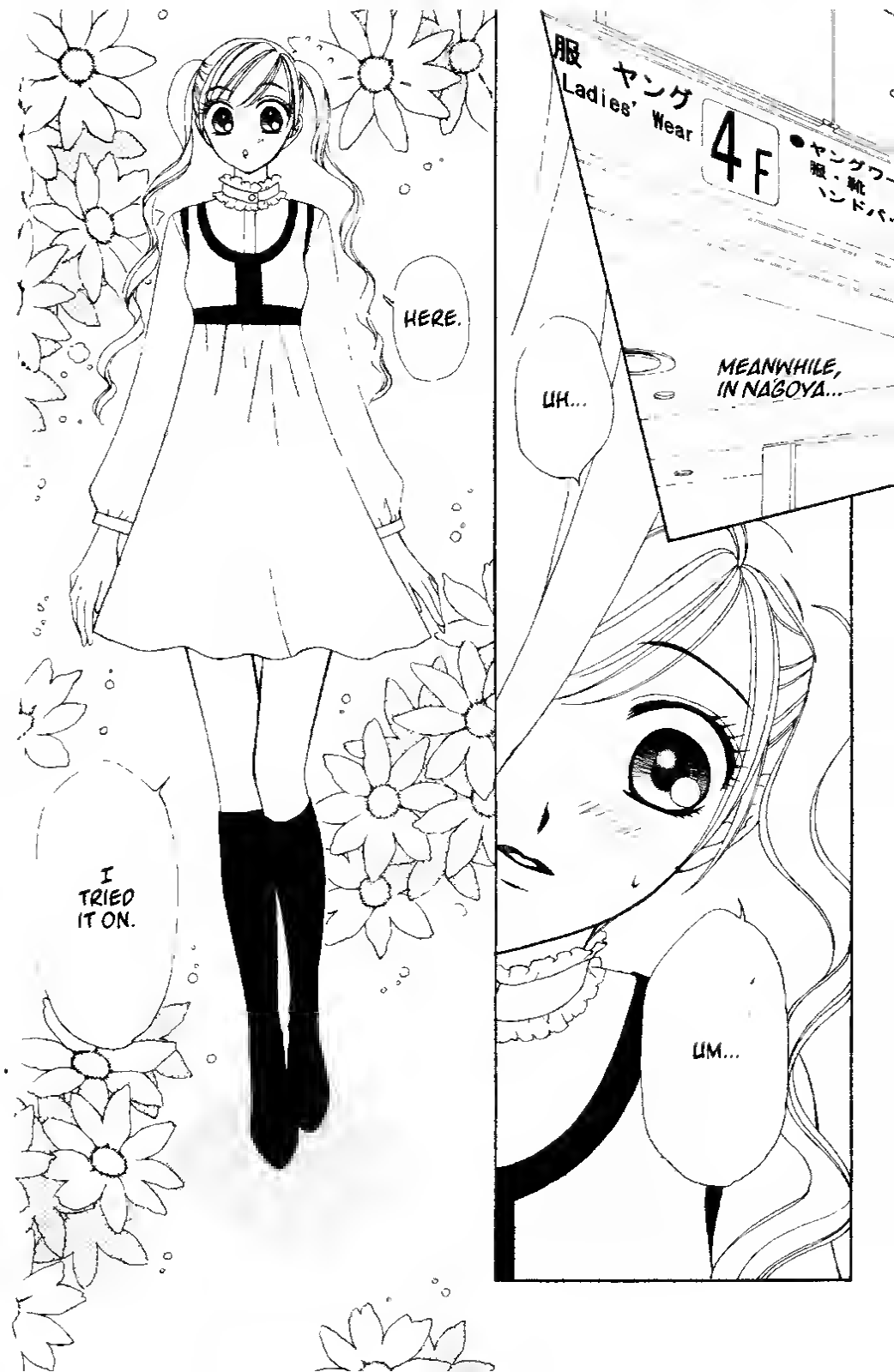
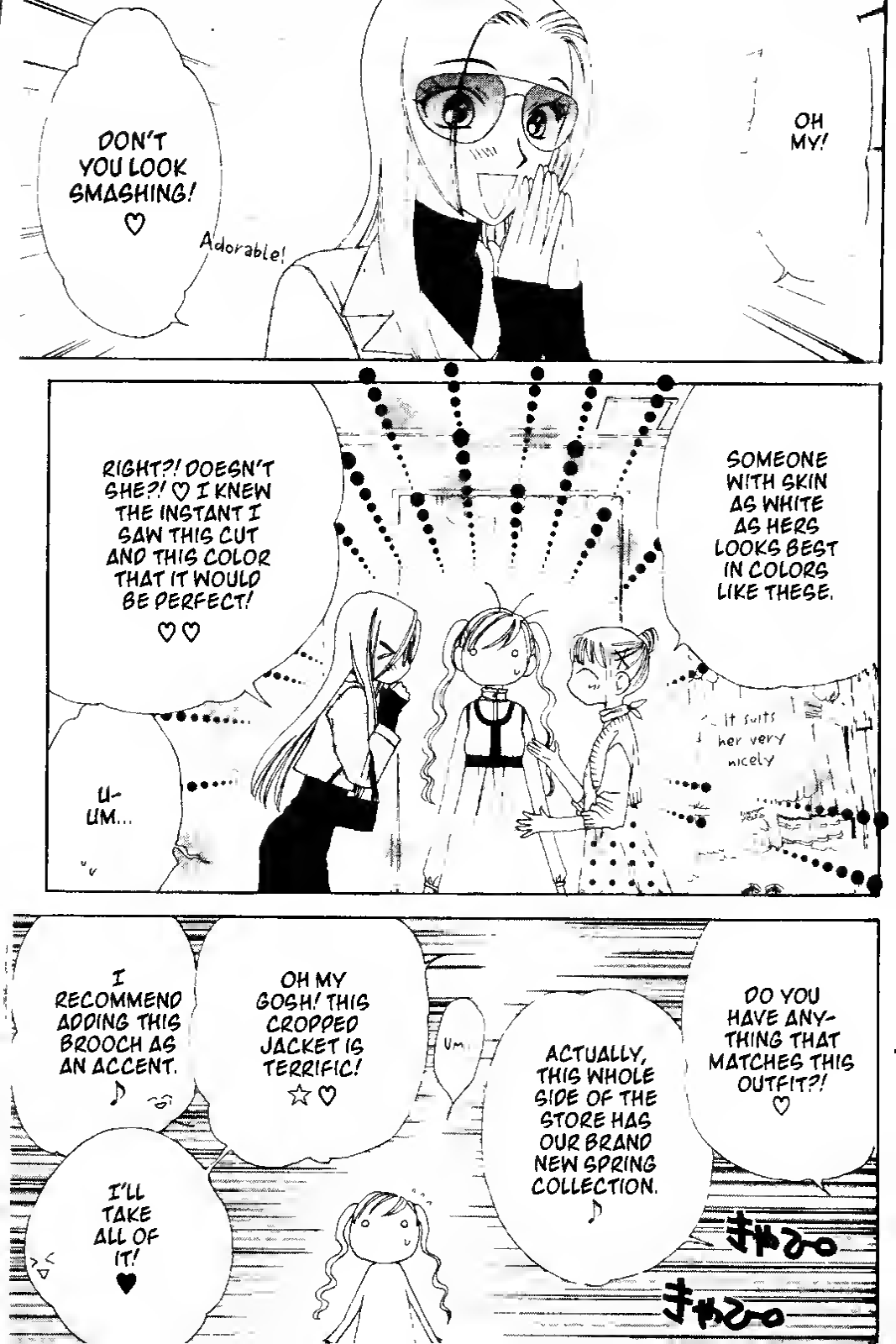
YUKARI, WHERE'S RAN-CHAN?
SHE TOOK AGEHA AND LEFT.


YOU GAVE RAN-CHAN DETAILS, DIDN'T YOU?
I INTRO-DUCED AGEHA AS MY GIRL-FRIEND.
OHHH.

THEN SHE'LL HAVE BECOME THAT WOMAN'S PLAYTHING BY NOW
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE RIGHT
No doubt about it.


HERE.
I TRIED IT ON.
UH...
MEANWHILE, IN NAGOYA...
服 ヤング
Ladies' Wear
4F
UM...


DON'T YOU LOOK SMASHING! ♡
Adorable!
OH MY!
RIGHT?! DOESN'T SHE?! ♡ I KNEW THE INSTANT I SAW THIS CUT AND THIS COLOR THAT IT WOULD BE PERFECT! ♡♡
SOMEONE WITH SKIN AS WHITE AS HERS LOOKS BEST IN COLORS LIKE THESE.
It suits her very nicely
U-UM...
I RECOMMEND ADDING THIS BROOCH AS AN ACCENT. ♪
OH MY GOSH! THIS CROPPED JACKET IS TERRIFIC! ☆♡
Um
ACTUALLY, THIS WHOLE SIDE OF THE STORE HAS OUR BRAND NEW SPRING COLLECTION. ♪
DO YOU HAVE ANY-THING THAT MATCHES THIS OUTFIT?! ♡
I'LL TAKE ALL OF IT! ♥
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WHAAAT?! BUT THIS IS ONLY OUR THIRD STORE!
THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH!
All of it?!
HOLD ON!
I...I CAN'T POSSIBLY ACCEPT ALL OF THIS. I'D FEEL TERRIBLE!
We're on a girls'-only shopping spree!
ARISAKA-SAN, SAVE ME!!
WE HAVEN'T EVEN LOOKED AT SHOES OR BAGS YET!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
Oh dear!
WINDOW SHOPPING IS THE BEST PART, RIGHT?!
WE'LL JUST HAVE THEM SHIP WHATEVER WE BUY TO YOUR HOUSE!
BUT...

Dona Dona
Fanfare!
-Yukari Arisaka
'Dona dona' A famous Yiddish song about a calf going to slaughter
DEDUI DEE DEE
THAT RINGTONE MEANS I GOT A TEXT FROM ARISAKA-SAN!!
HE SOLD ME OFF!!!
MOO!
MOO
Dona Dona Donnna...
Donnna...
...ARE YOU RAN KASHIWAGI, THE ACTRESS?
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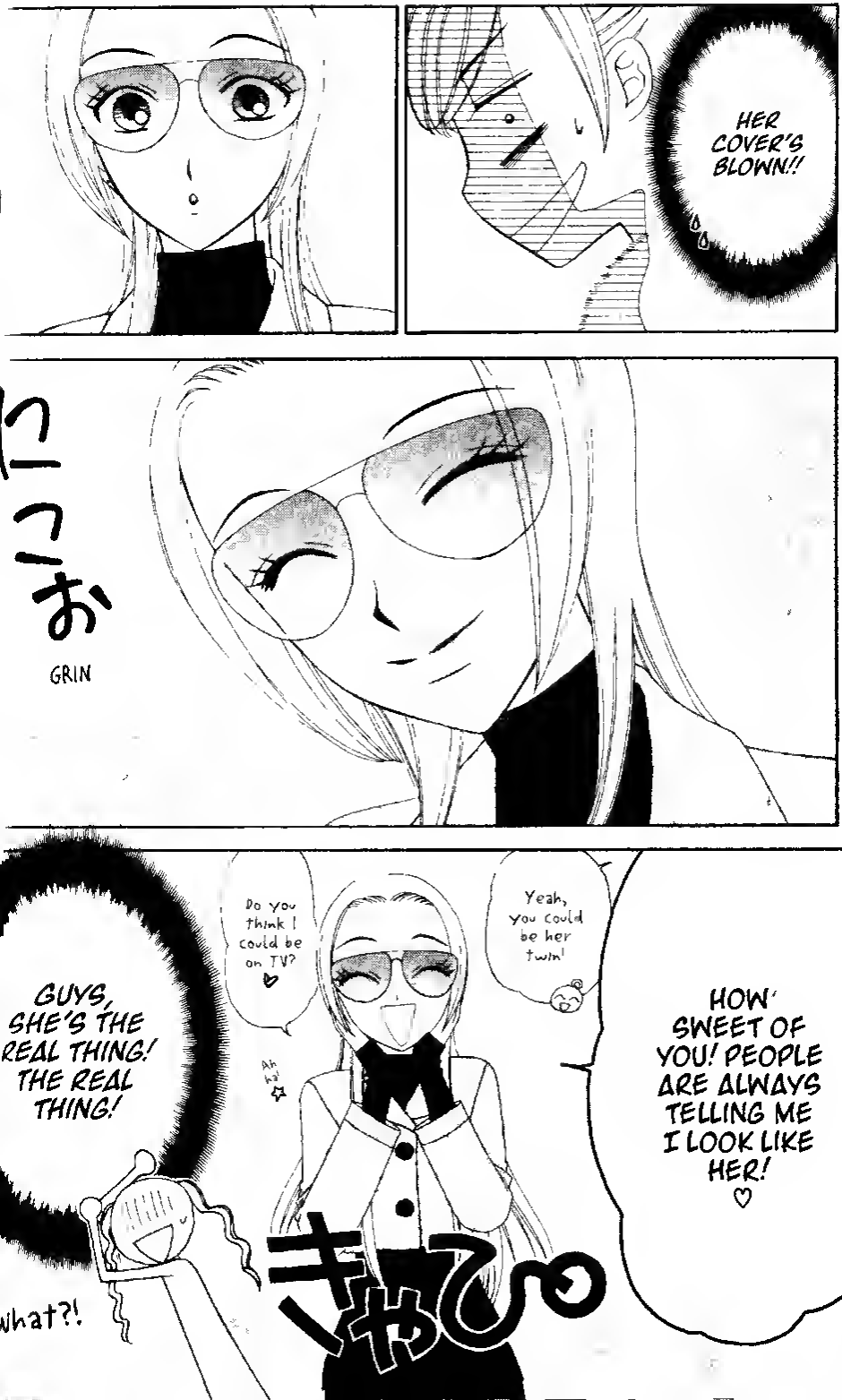
HER COVER'S BLOWN!!
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GRIN
HOW SWEET OF YOU! PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS TELLING ME I LOOK LIKE HER! ♡
Yeah, you could be her twin!
Do you think I could be on TV? ♡
Ah ha ☆
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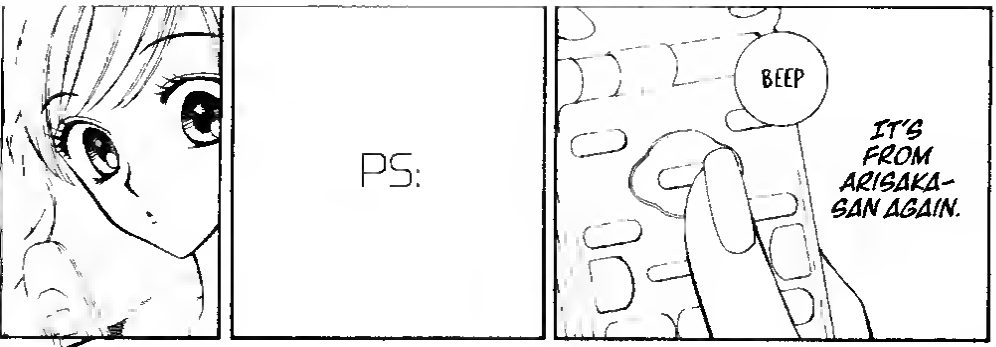
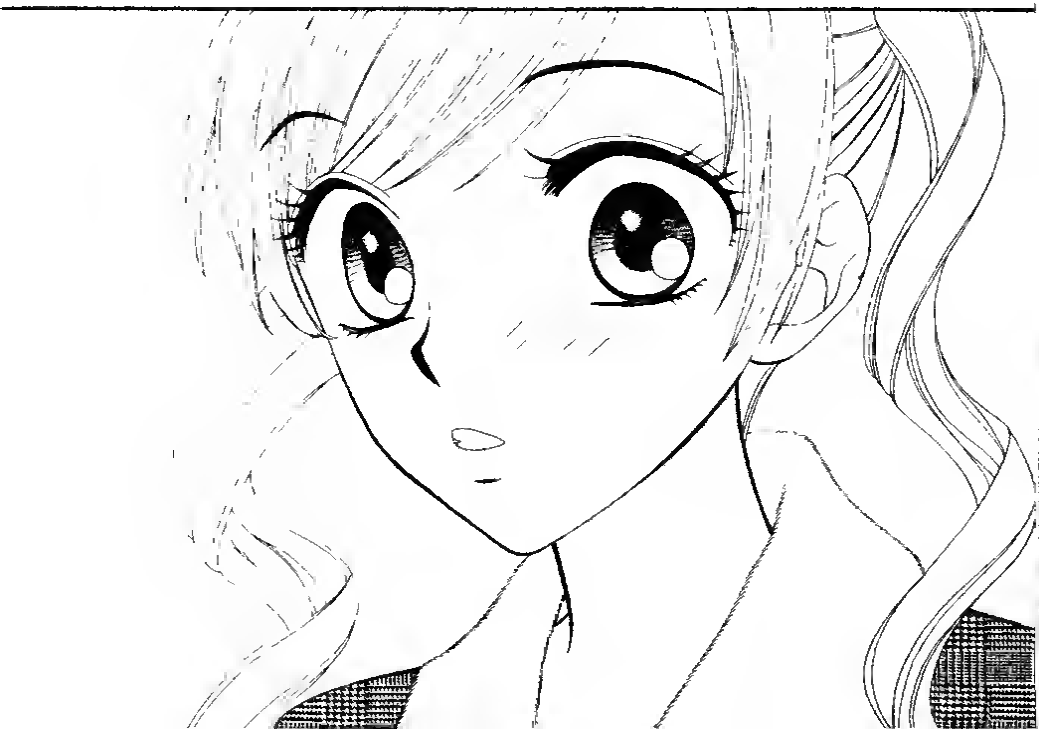
GUYS, SHE'S THE REAL THING! THE REAL THING!
What?!

Had the clothes sent to Ageha's house
I'll stop by again later
Thank you
OH, PROBABLY BECAUSE MY ACTRESS PERSONA IS ALL AN "ACT."
Daryuh!
wearing hair extensions too
WHY DIDN'T THEY FIGURE IT OUT?!
THIS IS THE REAL ME. ♪
DEEDLE-DEE-DEE
ACTRESS RAN KASHIWAGI
COME TO THINK OF IT
...THE RAN KASHIWAGI I ENVISIONED FROM WATCHING TV AND READING MAGAZINES IS PRETTY DIFFERENT
IT'S KIND OF STUNNING JUST HOW DIFFERENT.
Tee hee!



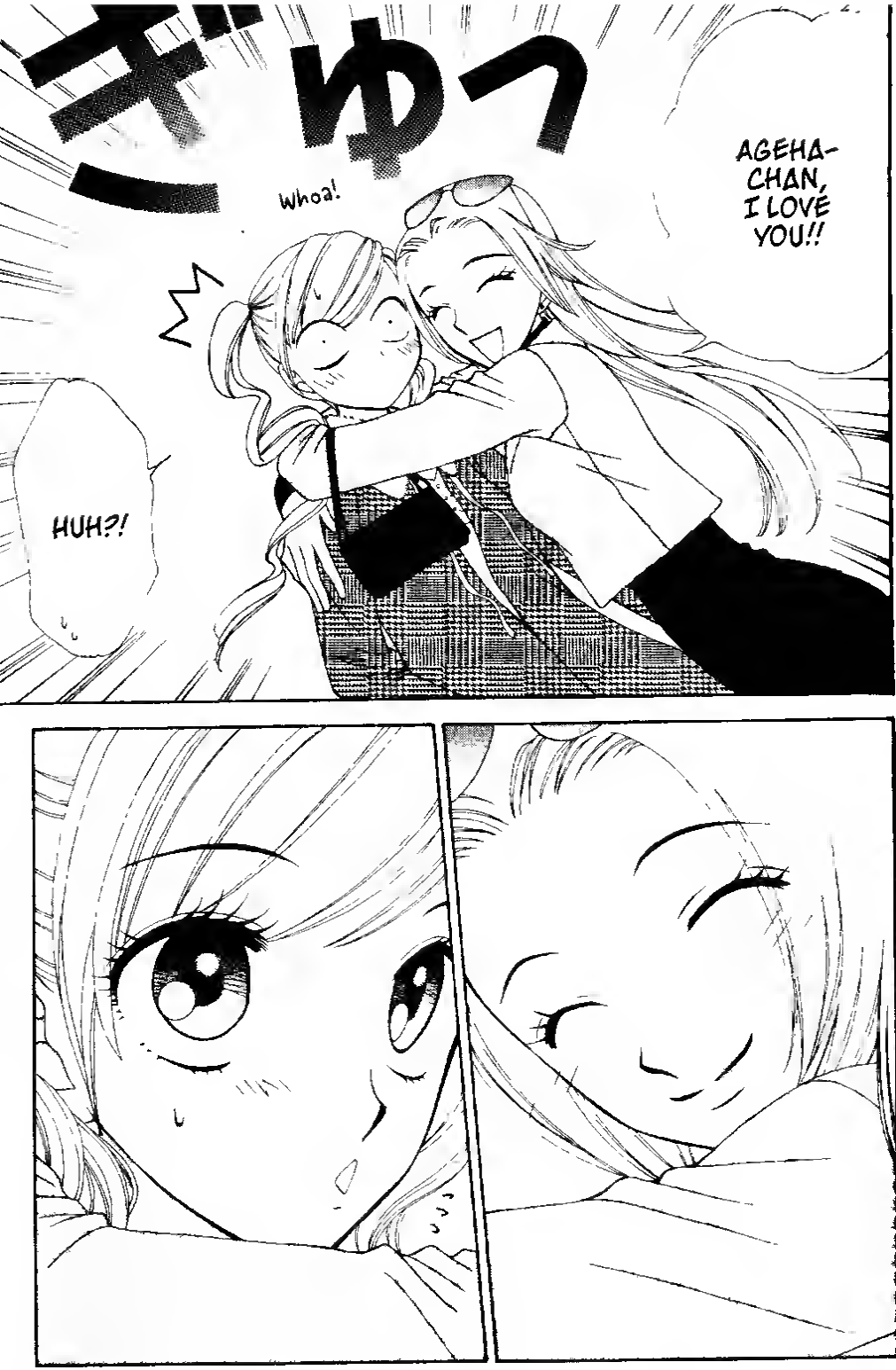
PS. Sorry to ask this of you, but just go along with her whims.

-Yukari Arisaka



Cute cute!
U-UM..
THIS MIGHT SOUND RUDE, BUT...
...IF YOUR ACTRESS PERSONA ISN'T REALLY YOU, THEN...
...UM... HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS...

I THINK THE REAL YOU IS A LOT MORE LIKEABLE.
AGEHA-CHAN...
YEEP
Oop, did I actually say some thing bad?!
THOUGH SHE COULD STAND TO BE LESS PUSHY.
Ha ha...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Whoa!
AGEHA-CHAN, I LOVE YOU!!
HUH?!

SO, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO KEEP SHOPPING?
COLOUR SHINE FOR LIPS
I'D LOVE TO.

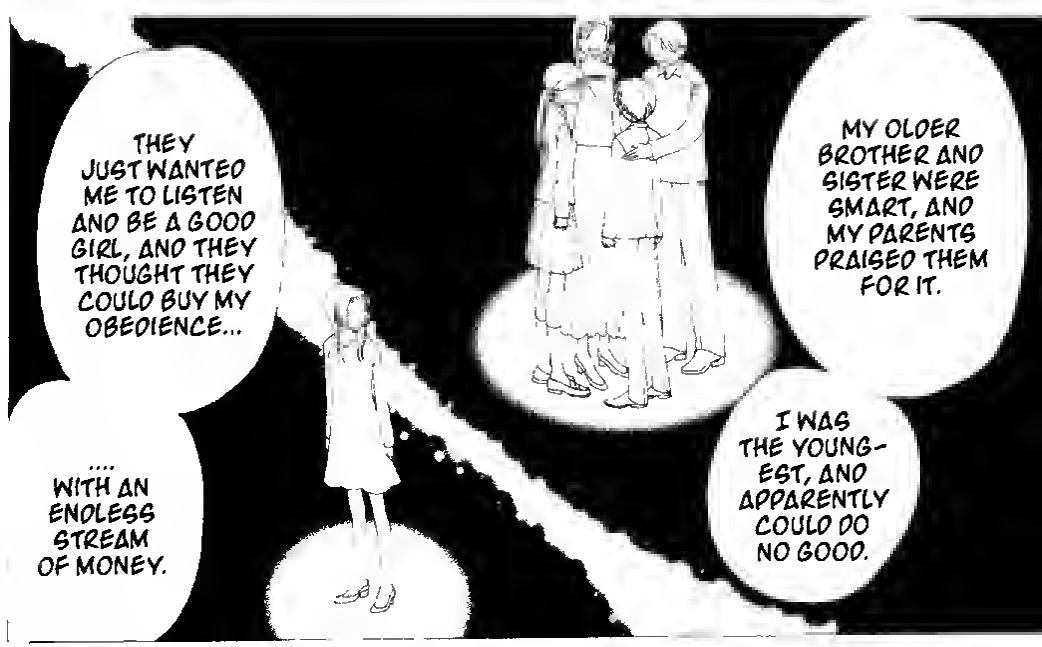
Ooh

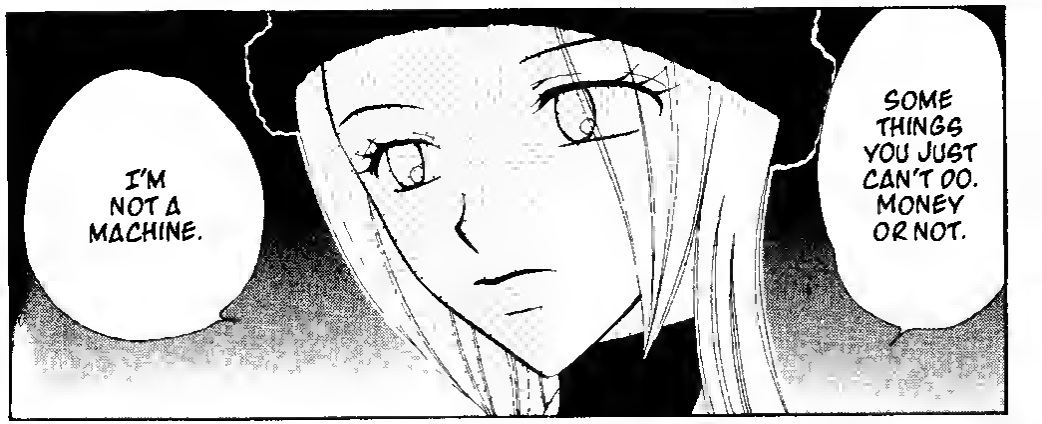
SHOPPING IS JUST THE BEE'S KNEES, ISN'T IT?
AHHH!♡
ドキ
ドキ
Coffee's the best!
Limited edit on make up for the road
I STILL DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD ACCEPT ALL THIS STUFF
Nervous about the big merchandise haul arriving at her house tomorrow
ドキドキ
I FEEL LIKE...
...I JUST DID (OR RATHER, SHE DID FOR ME) A LIFETIME'S WORTH OF SHOPPING.
ドキドキ
ABOUT YUKARI
HEY...
AGEHA-CHAN.

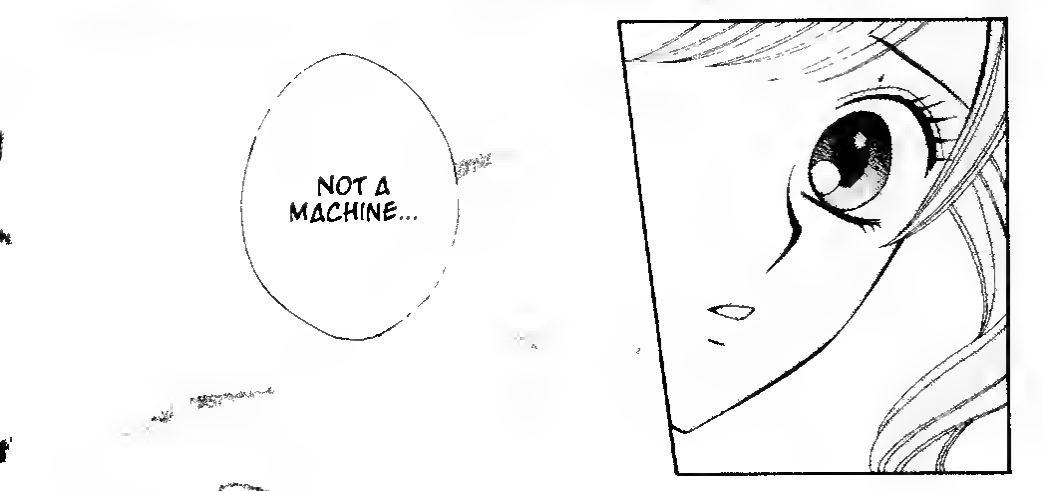
WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE YUKARI HAPPY?
IT'S NOT THAT HE DIDN'T "LIKE" IT...
Sigh.
AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, HE DIDN'T LIKE THE CAR AT ALL.
THAT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA!
One is more than enough to keep us busy!
Leave it to me!!
OH!
HOW ABOUT BUILDING A SECOND V.B.R. LOCATION?!

I'M REALLY AT A LOSS.
...
Sigh.
I DON'T THINK...
...JUST THROWING MONEY AT HIM WILL WORK.
IT'S JUST...
...THAT'S A LITTLE ONE-SIDED...
...AND TOO SIMPLE...

NEVER UNDER-STOOD IT.
YOU SEE, THAT'S HOW I WAS RAISED.
AOI-KUN USED TO TELL ME...
bought a matching watches to make up for what I did
MY FAMILY WAS LIKE THAT.
I'M A PRODUCT OF MY ENVI-RONMENT.
..."STOP TRYING TO BUY YOUR WAY OUT OF PROBLEMS."
Ran
Not again


MY OLDER BROTHER AND SISTER WERE SMART, AND MY PARENTS PRAISED THEM FOR IT.
I WAS THE YOUNGEST, AND APPARENTLY COULD DO NO GOOD.
THEY JUST WANTED ME TO LISTEN AND BE A GOOD GIRL, AND THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD BUY MY OBEDIENCE...
.... WITH AN ENDLESS STREAM OF MONEY.


SOME THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T DO. MONEY OR NOT.
I'M NOT A MACHINE.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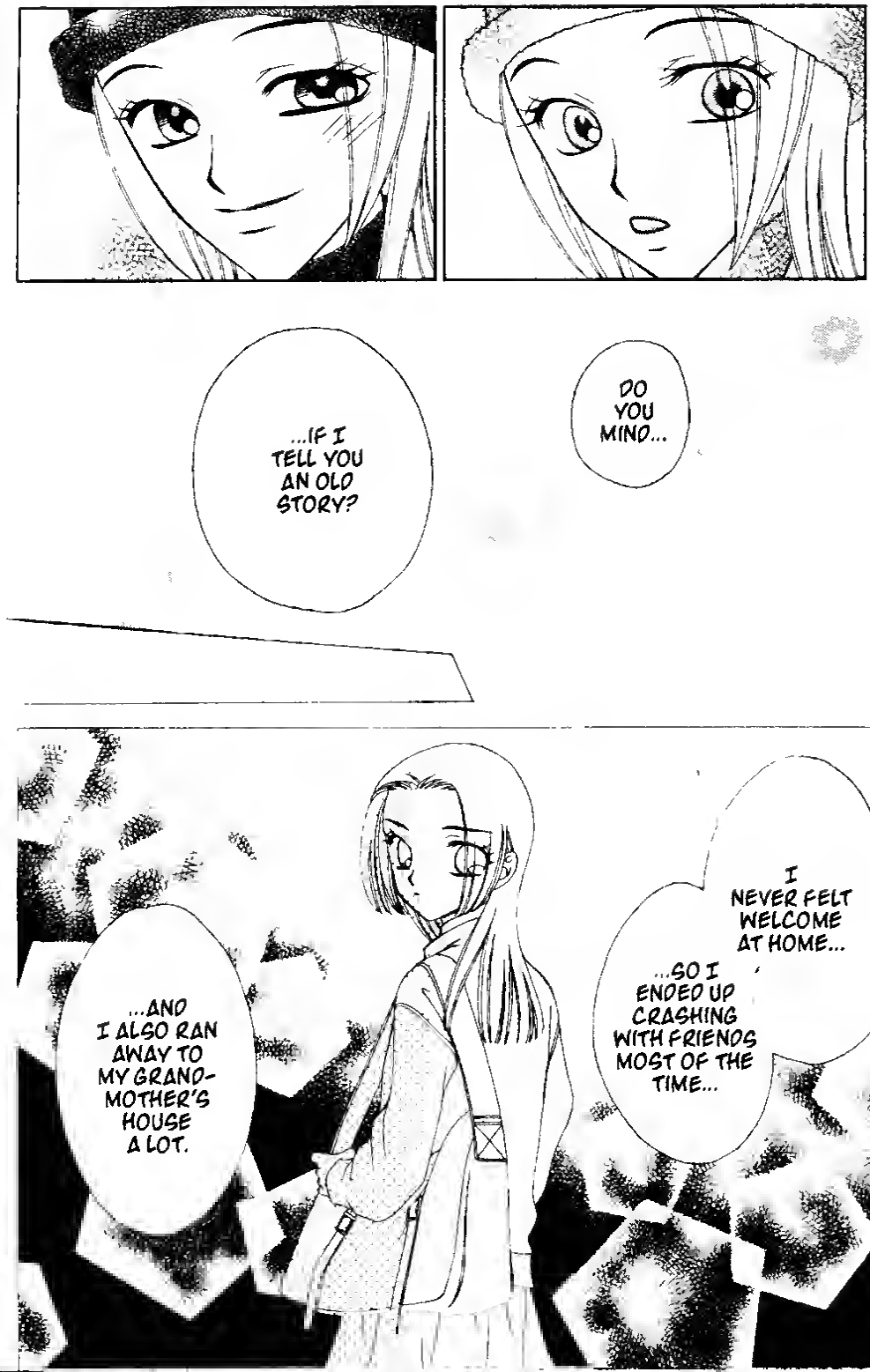
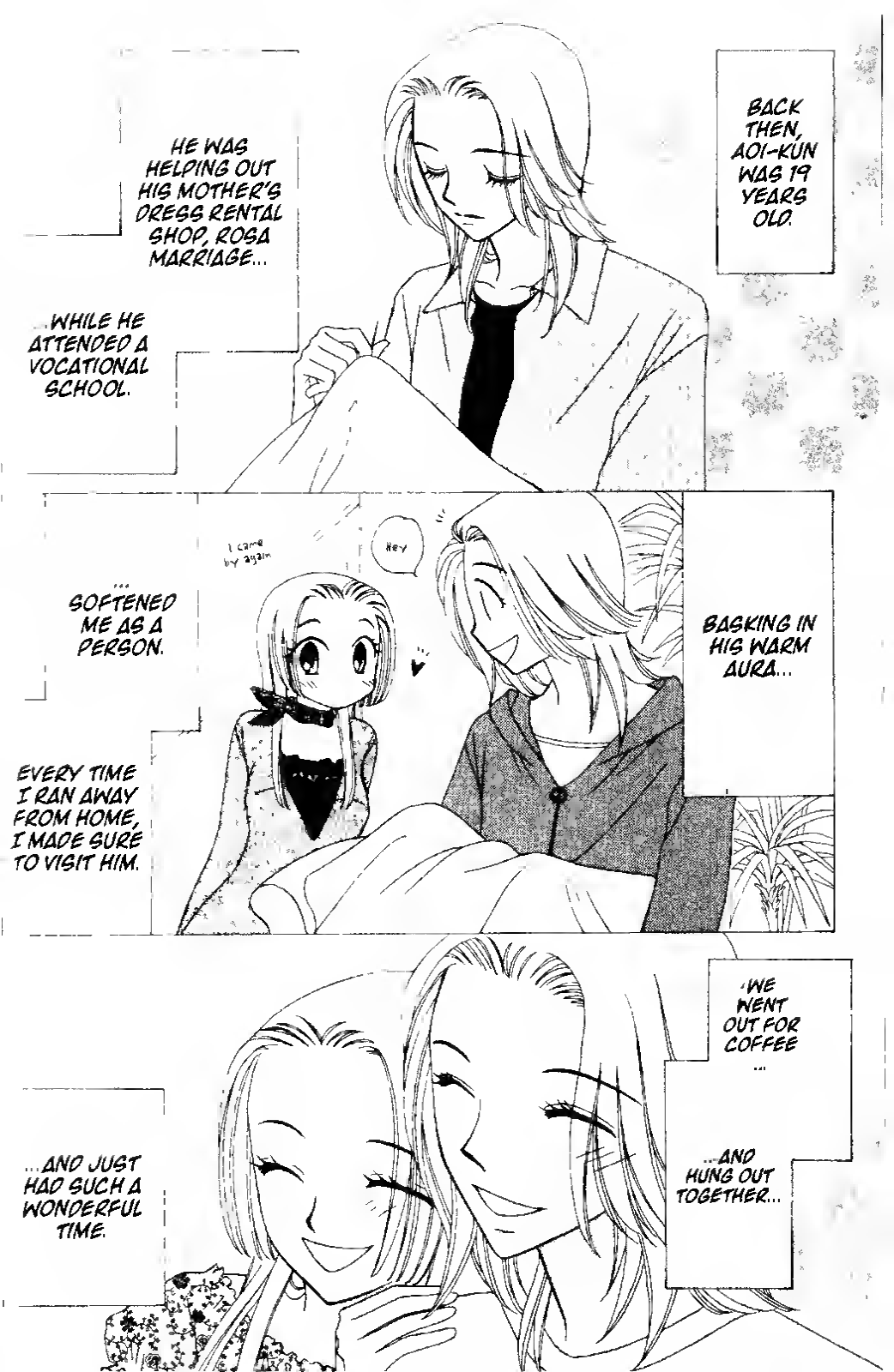

DO YOU MIND...
...IF I TELL YOU AN OLD STORY?
I NEVER FELT WELCOME AT HOME...
...SO I ENDED UP CRASHING WITH FRIENDS MOST OF THE TIME...
...AND I ALSO RAN AWAY TO MY GRAND-MOTHER'S HOUSE A LOT.

I LOVED MY GRAND MOTHER
SHE TOLD ME THAT I MADE HER HAPPY JUST BY BEING THERE...
...EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NOTHING I PROVIDED HER WITH OR COULD DO FOR HER.
MY GRAND-MOTHER'S HOUSE..
..WAS VERY CLOSE TO ROSA. IT'S GONE NOW, THOUGH.
I WAS 16 WHEN I FIRST MET AOI-KUN.

HELLO.
HIS WARM SMILE DREW ME IN.
IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

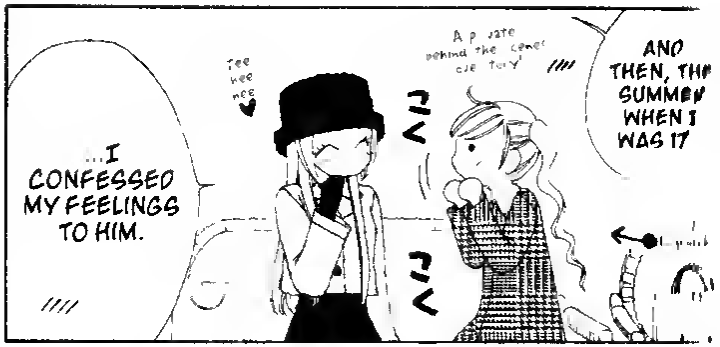

BACK THEN, AOI-KUN WAS 19 YEARS OLD.
HE WAS HELPING OUT HIS MOTHER'S DRESS RENTAL SHOP, ROSA MARRIAGE...
...WHILE HE ATTENDED A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.
BASKING IN HIS WARM AURA...
...SOFTENED ME AS A PERSON.
I came by again
Hey
EVERY TIME I RAN AWAY FROM HOME, I MADE SURE TO VISIT HIM.
WE WENT OUT FOR COFFEE ...
...AND HUNG OUT TOGETHER...
...AND JUST HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL TIME.

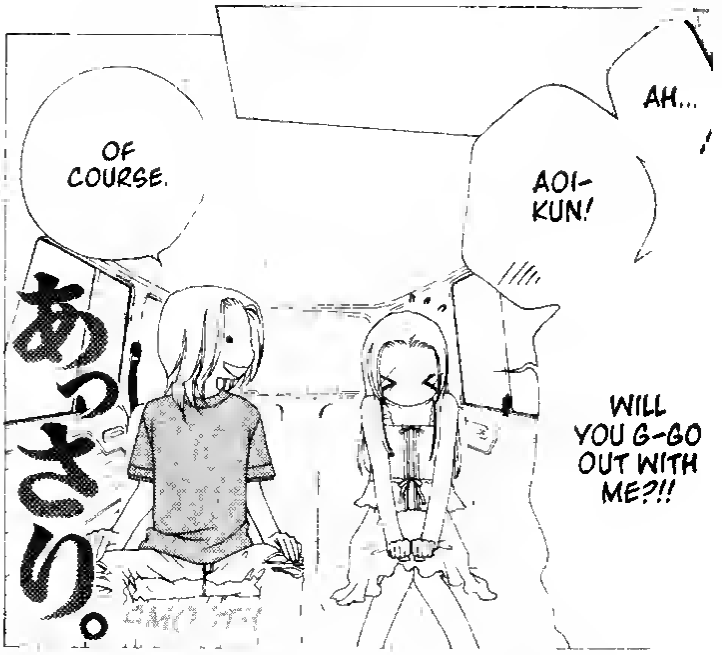
Hello, this is Banri Hidaka

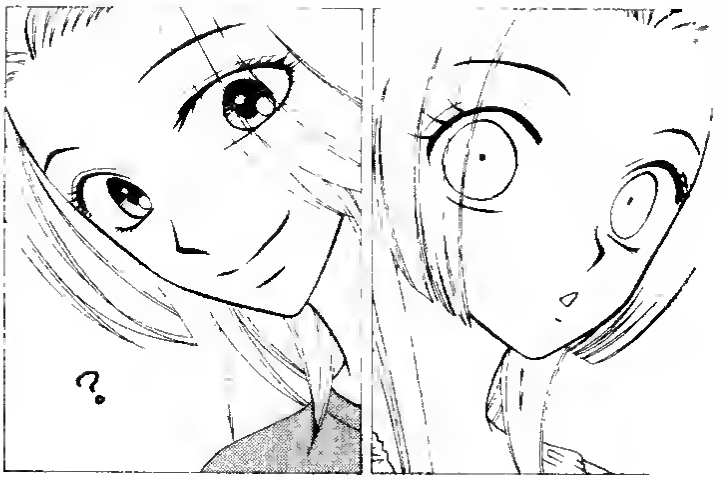
At the beginning of July, I caught a summer cold. I'm so stupid. At the beginning of August, I had an autograph-signing session in Taiwan scheduled. Before I could go, I was supposed to have finished my pages, but I fell ill for four days. Watch out for those summer colds, guys!

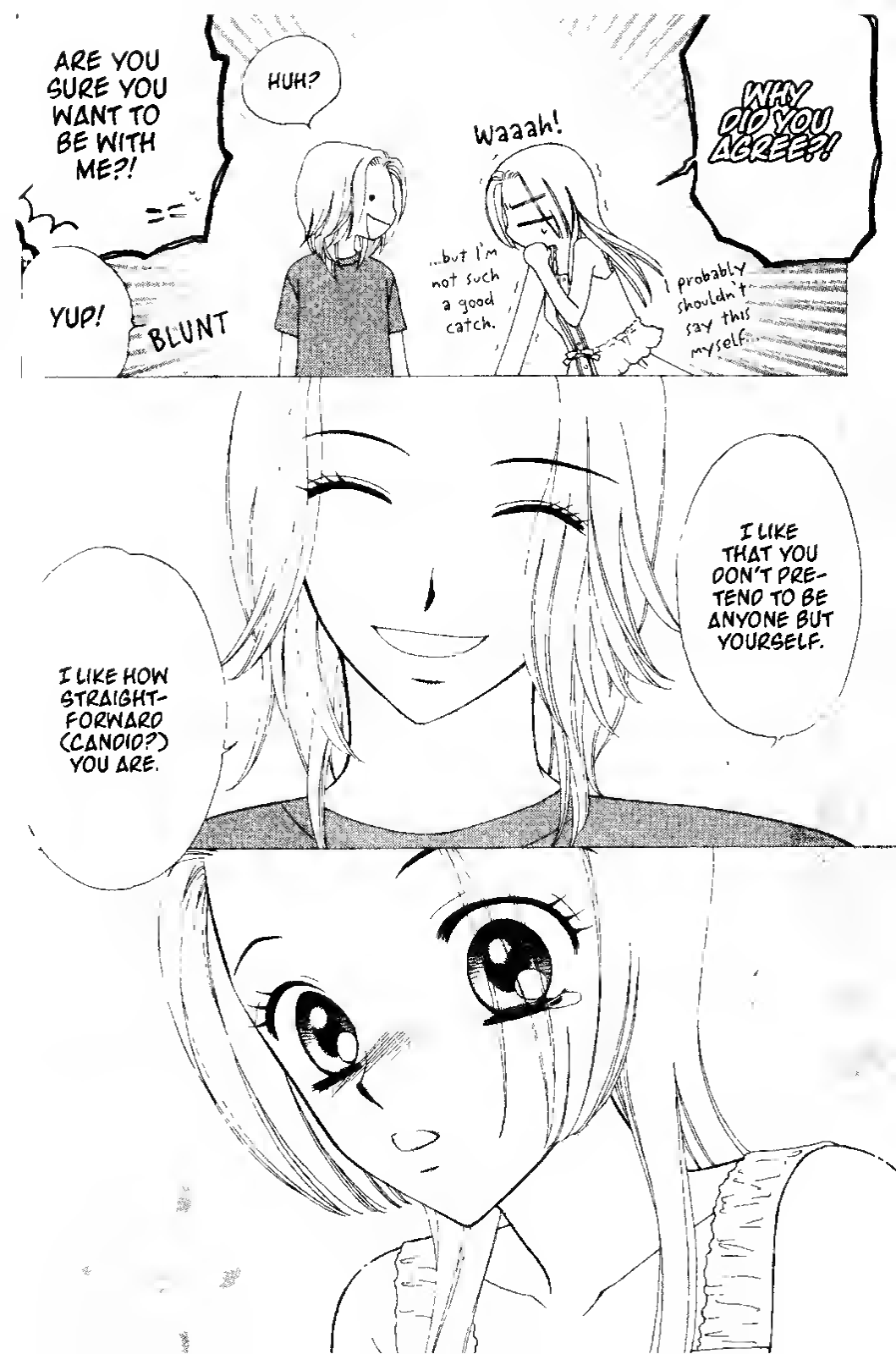
I would be grateful if you enjoyed my 36th manga, the tenth volume of V.B. Rose!

There's a V.B.R. bonus gift coming up in the 17th issue of Hana to Yume this year! It's a V.B.R. handkerchief. I designed it myself. Right now it's still mid-July so I don't know how the finished product will look. I can't wait to see it! Also in the same issue, 30 people can win a yukata that I designed! I'm excited to see how it's going to turn out, because I get to have one for myself, too!








ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO BE WITH ME?!
HUH?
Waaah!
WHY DID YOU AGREE?!
YUP!
BLUNT
...but I'm not such a good catch.
I probably shouldn't say this myself.
I LIKE HOW STRAIGHT-FORWARD (CANDID?) YOU ARE.
I LIKE THAT YOU DON'T PRETEND TO BE ANYONE BUT YOURSELF.

MY HEART...
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD EVER BE HAPPIER.
...FELT FULL.
BUT ONE DAY...
Waaah! I love you!
There, there

WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT WAS?
WHAT... WAS IT?
Tee hee
A KIND OF HAPPINESS THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY.
...I WAS BLESSED WITH THE GREATEST GIFT IN THE WHOLE WORLD.
LET'S JUST SAY WE HAD A SHOTGUN WEDDING.
I was a mother by age 18.
Sh-shot...
WHAT?!
Tee hee.

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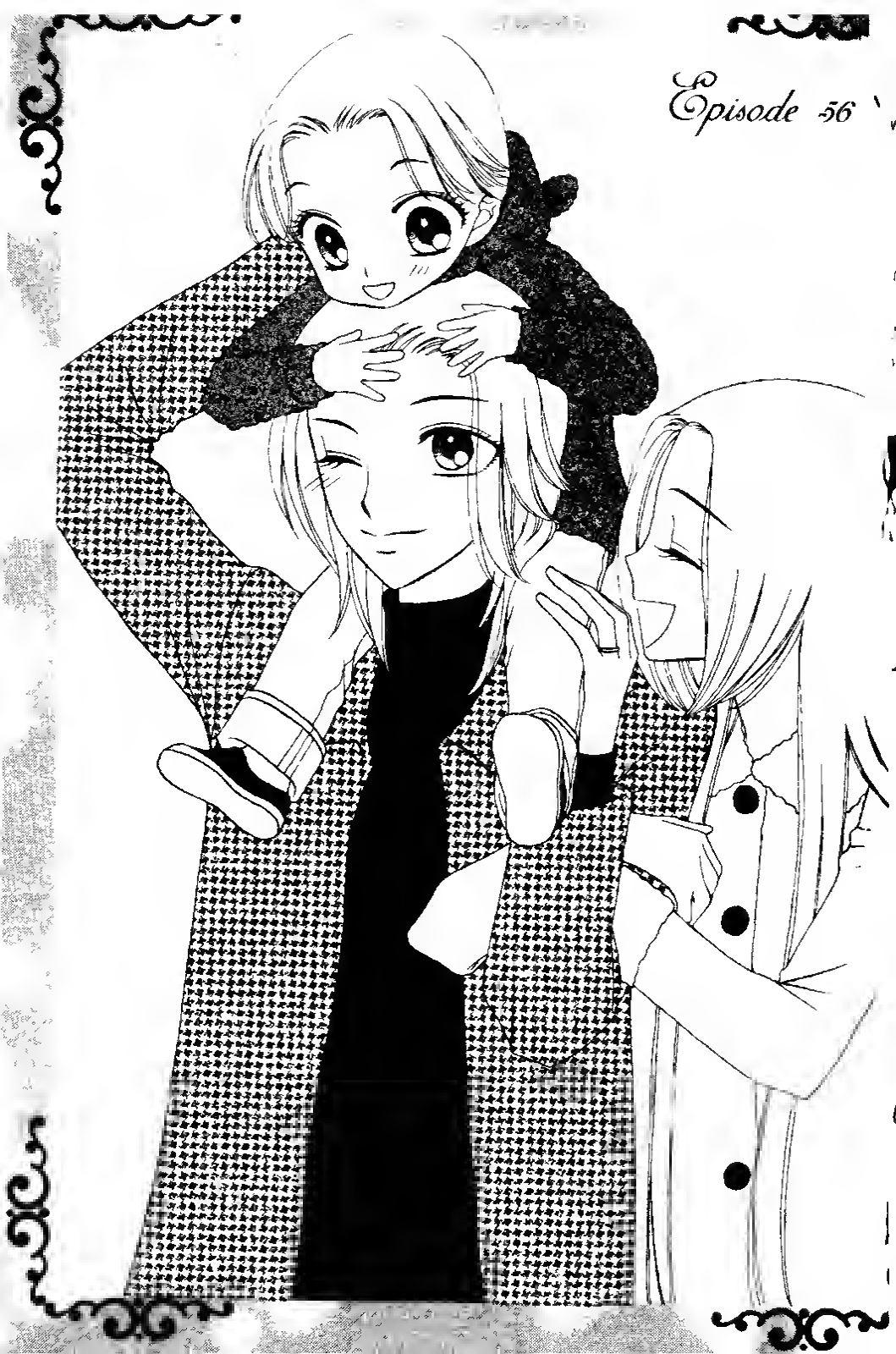
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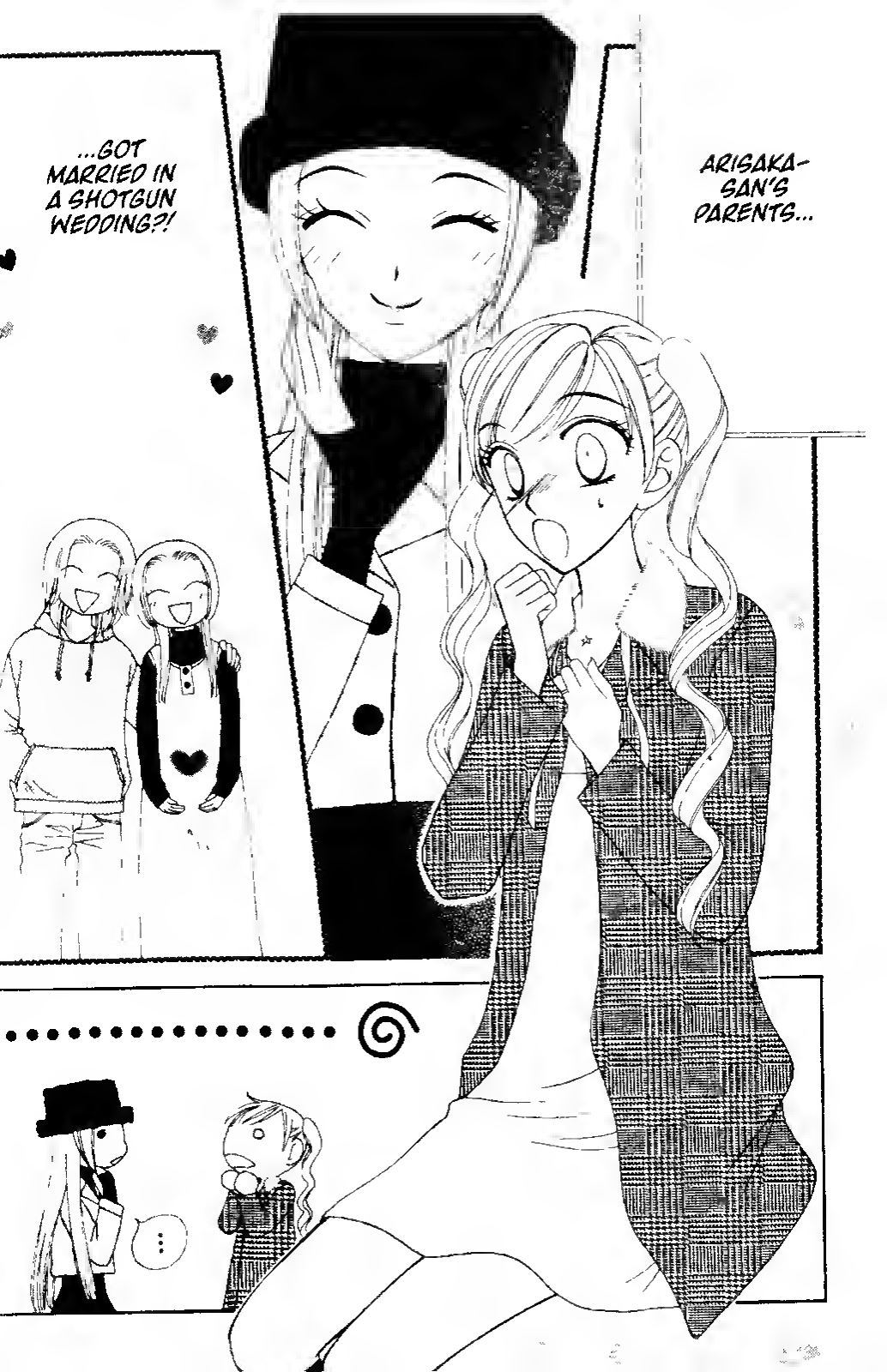
...GOT MARRIED IN A SHOTGUN WEDDING?!
ARISAKA-SAN'S PARENTS...
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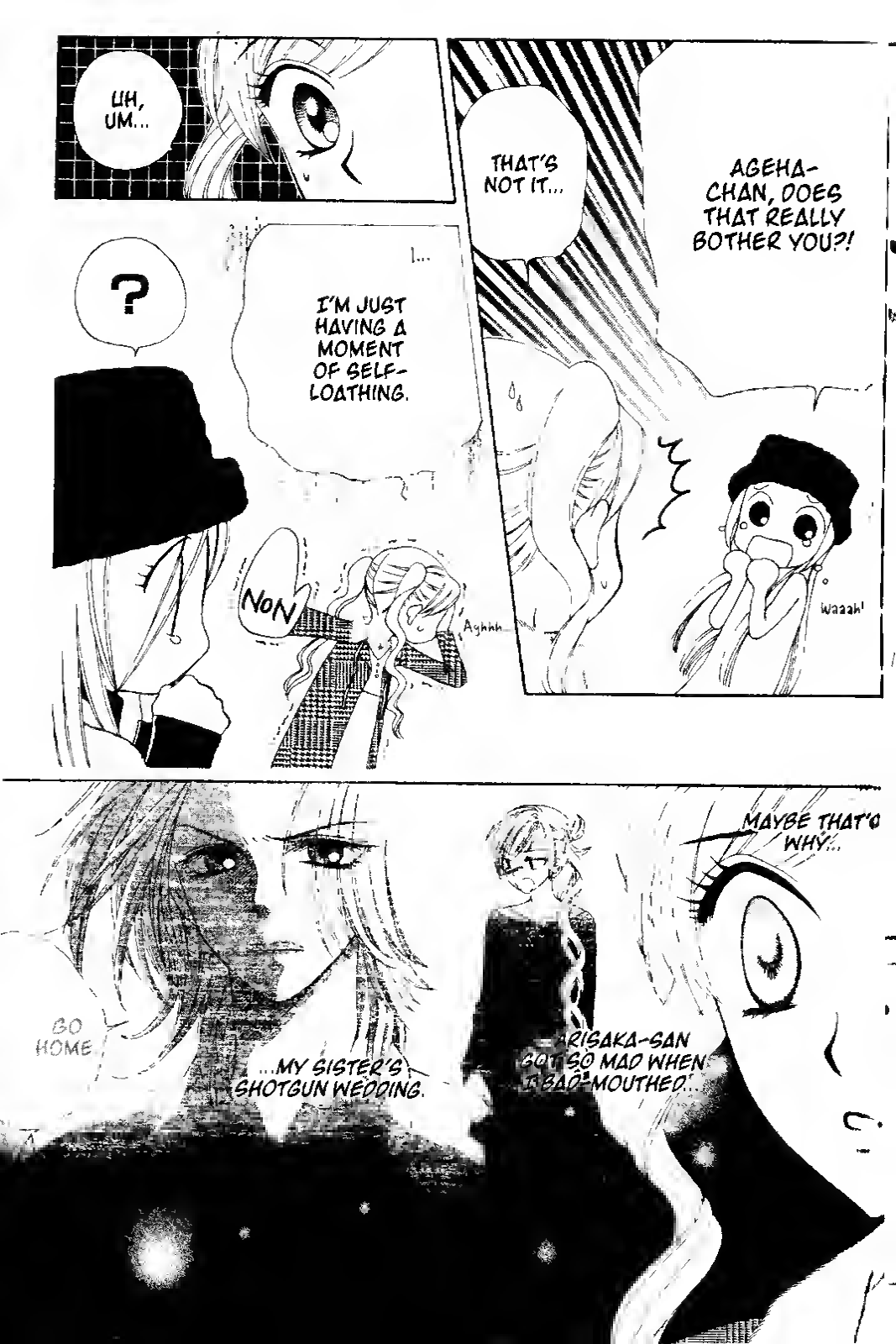
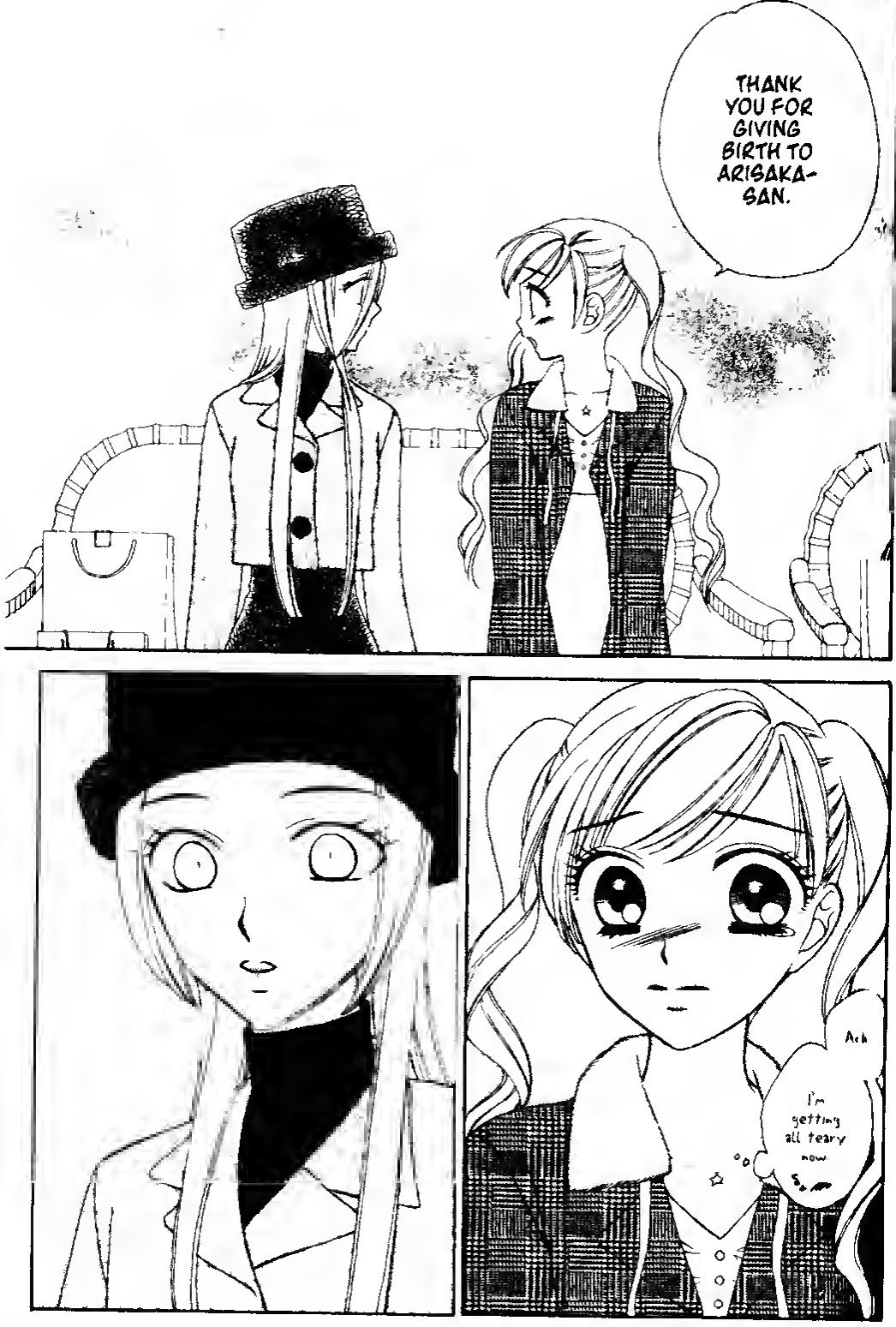
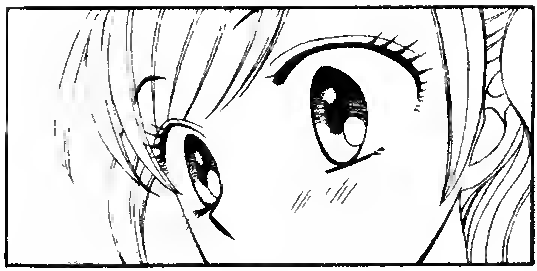

UH, UM...
THAT'S NOT IT...
AGEHA-CHAN, DOES THAT REALLY BOTHER YOU?!
Waaah!
?
I...
I'M JUST HAVING A MOMENT OF SELF-LOATHING.
NON
Aghhh
MAYBE THAT'S WHY...
RISAKA-SAN GOT SO MAD WHEN I SAID "SHOTGUN WEDDING."
GO HOME
...MY SISTER'S SHOTGUN WEDDING.

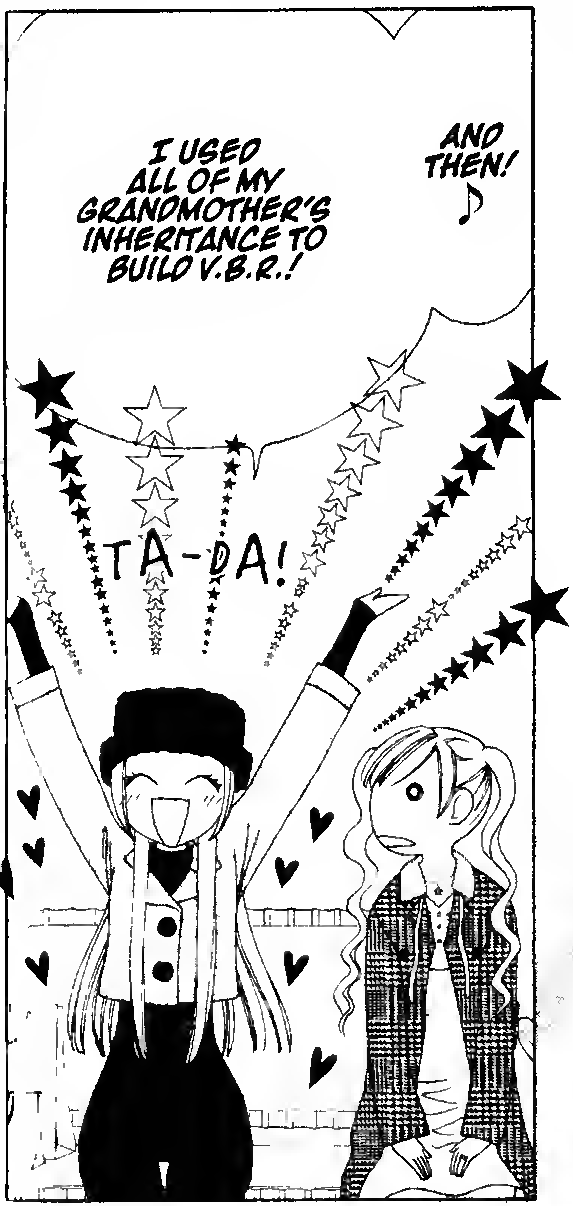
NOW I CAN'T BEAR HOW CUTE...
MADOKA-CHAN IS.
3°C
OOOOOH!!
IT WAS SO SELFISH OF ME.
I'M SORRY, ARISAKA-SAN.
I KNOW BETTER NOW.
YES?
Eep?!
RAN-SAN...
AGEHA-CHAN?

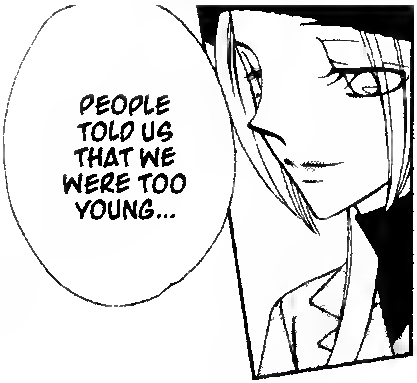

THANK YOU FOR GIVING BIRTH TO ARISAKA-SAN.
Ack
I'm getting all teary now

A BABY...
YES!
RAN!!

THANK YOU!
NOW WE'RE A FAMILY!
I WAS SO HAPPY
WHEN HE SAID THAT, I FELT LIKE I FINALLY BELONGED SOMEWHERE.
IT WAS AS IF HE'D SAID TO ME, "STAY HERE FOREVER."



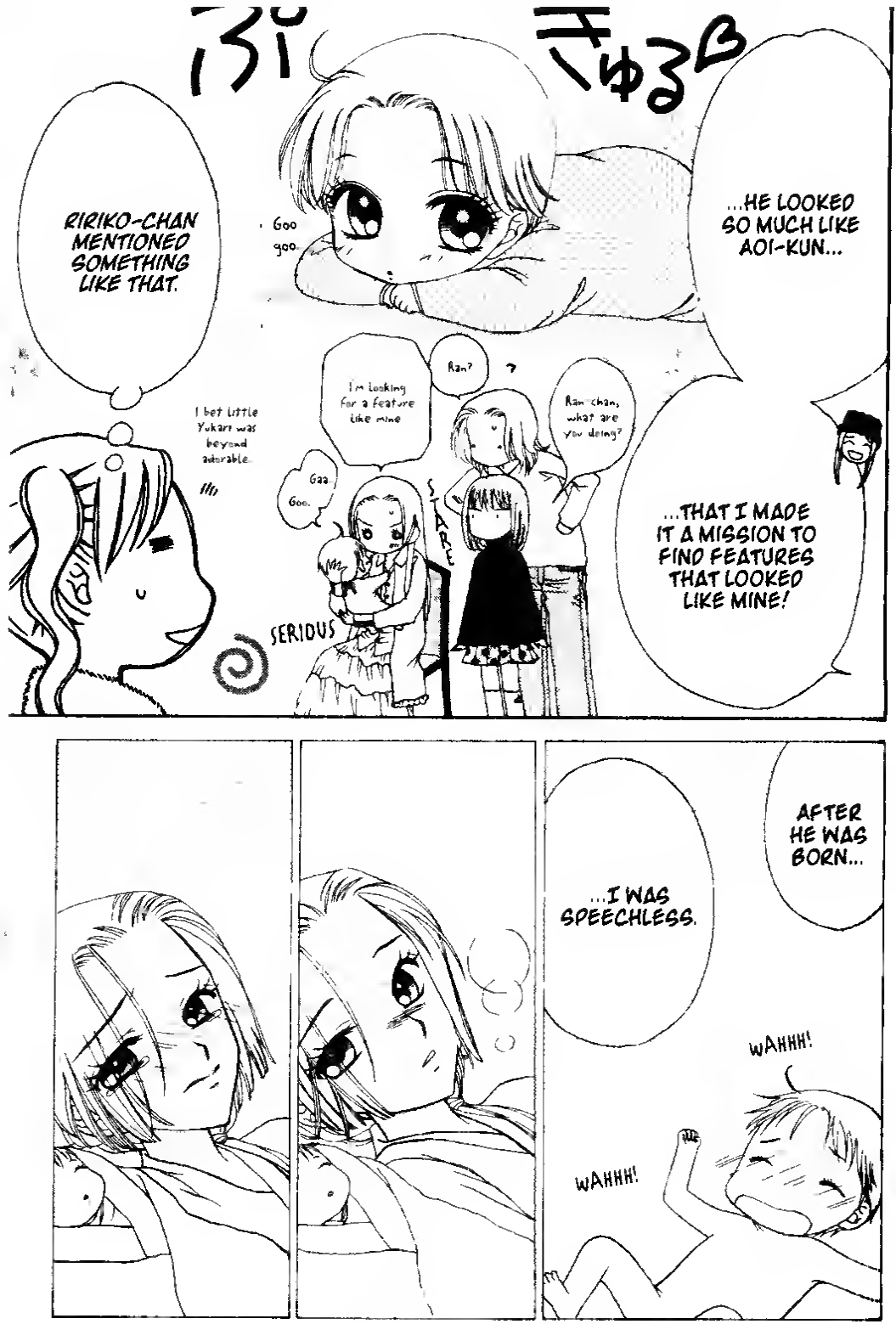


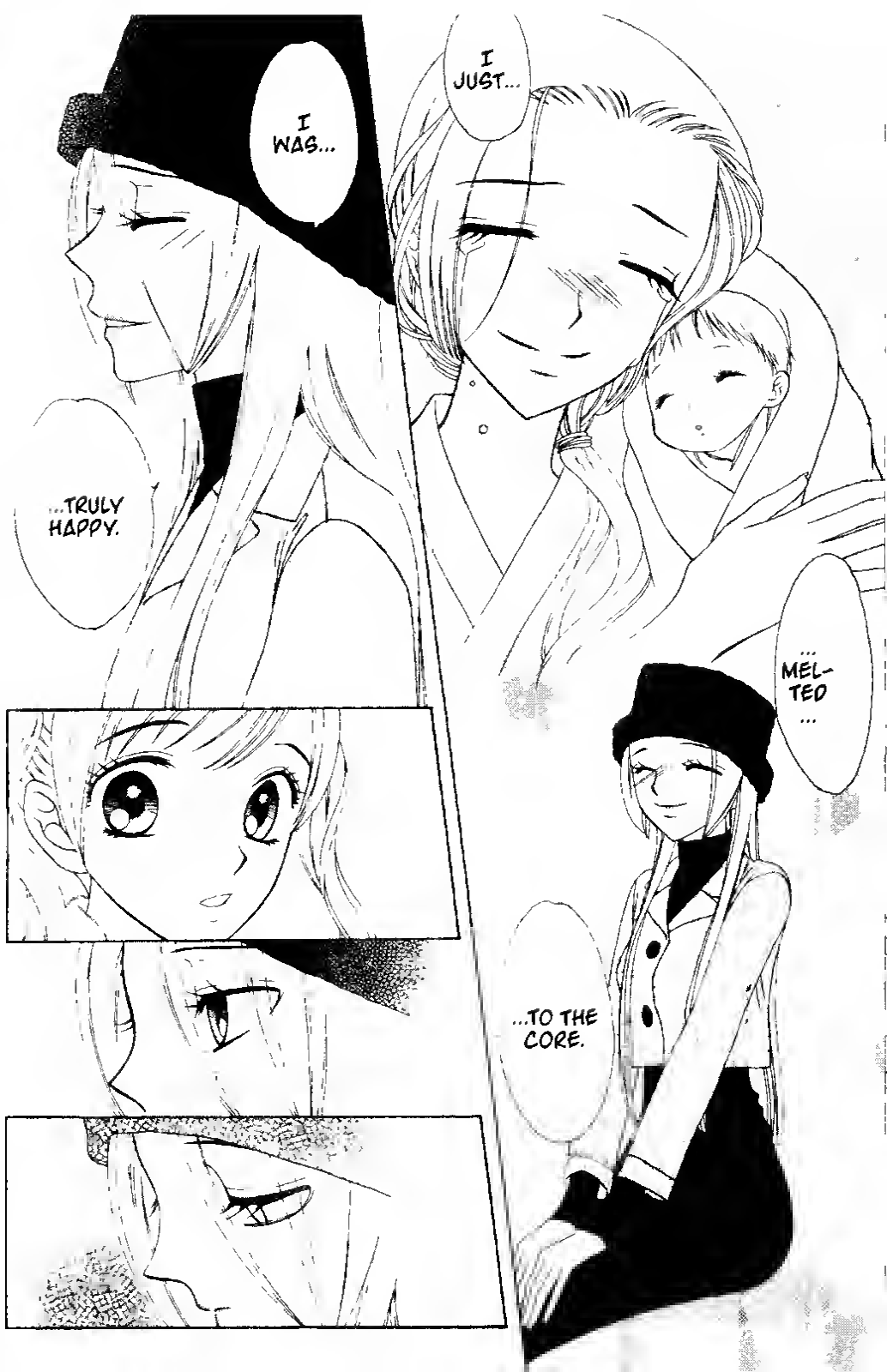


...BUT WITH YUKARI INSIDE ME AND AOI-KUN BESIDE ME, I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN HAPPIER.

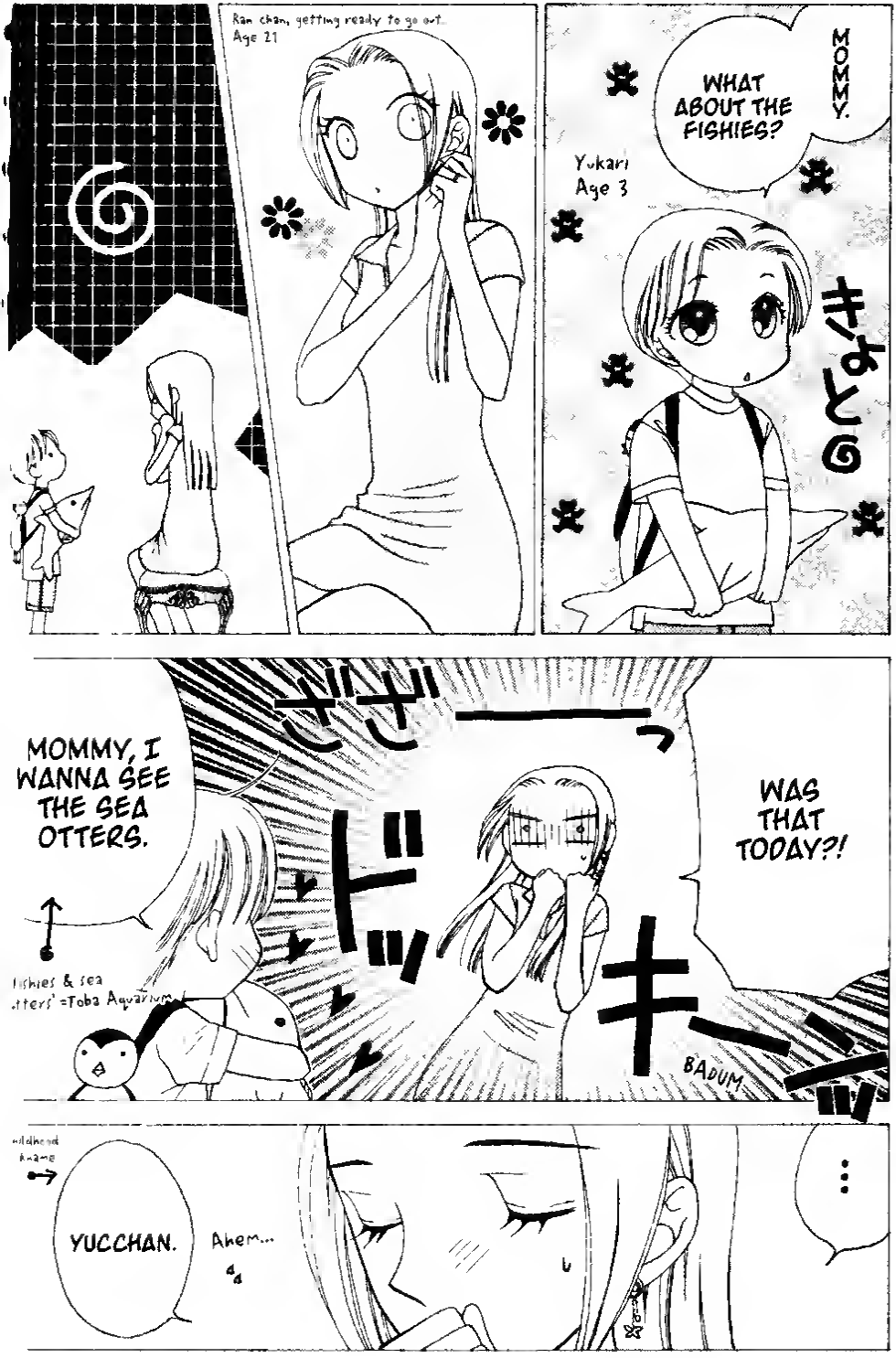
"Ta-Da"?
SHE'S THE ONE WHO BUILT V.B.R.?!
WELL, OUR FAMILY HAD TO LIVE SOME-WHERE DIDN'T IT? ♡
AOI-KUN GOT A WEE BIT MAD AT ME, BUT...
...IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN HIS DREAM TO RUN A CUSTOM CLOTHING STORE.
Tee hee. ♥
HUH...? SHE SKIPPED OVER THE PART WHERE HER GRANDMOTHER DIED.
Should I ask about it?
I LOVED BOTH MY GRANDMOTHER AND AOI-KUN DEARLY.
AND SO...

THE MONEY WAS NEVER IMPORTANT.
I JUST WISH THEY WERE STILL ALIVE.
DID YOU KNOW ...?
WHEN YUKARI WAS BORN...


RIRIKO-CHAN MENTIONED SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I bet little Yukari was beyond adorable.
Goo goo.
...HE LOOKED SO MUCH LIKE AOI-KUN...
Ran?
I'm looking for a feature like mine
Ran-chan, what are you doing?
Gaa Goo.
STARE
SERIOUS
...THAT I MADE IT A MISSION TO FIND FEATURES THAT LOOKED LIKE MINE!
AFTER HE WAS BORN...
...I WAS SPEECHLESS.
WAHHH!
WAHHH!

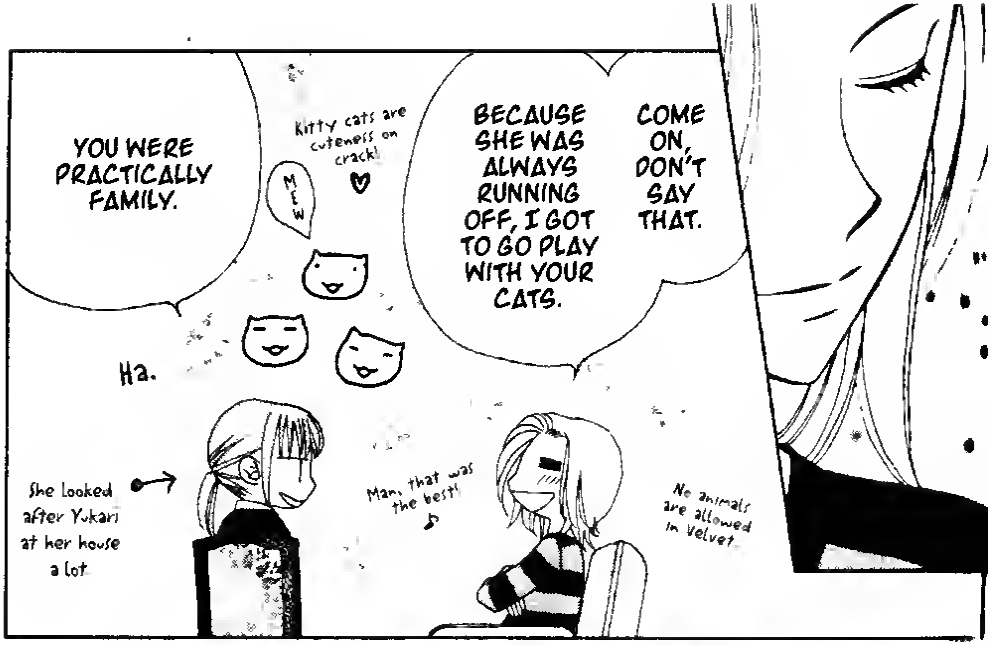

I WAS...
...TRULY HAPPY.
I JUST...
...MEL-TED...
...TO THE CORE.

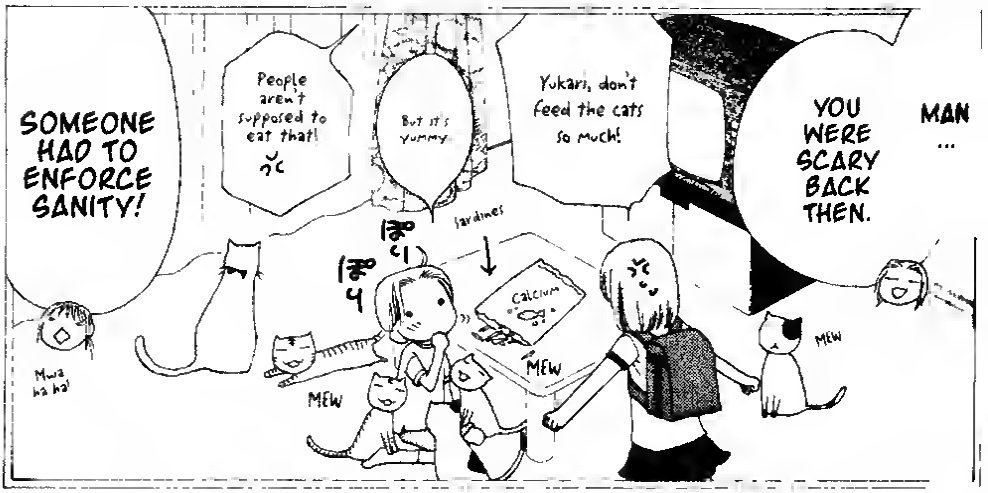
A "LOVING FAMILY"...
...IS SOMETHING THAT REQUIRES WORK FROM BOTH PARTIES.
IT CAN'T BE A ONE-WAY STREET.
BUT...
...FANTASY IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM REALITY.
I TAKE THE BLAME.
I WAS YOUNG I PLACED PRIORITY ON HAVING FUN.
I COULDN'T STAY OUT OF THE HOUSE LONG ENOUGH.

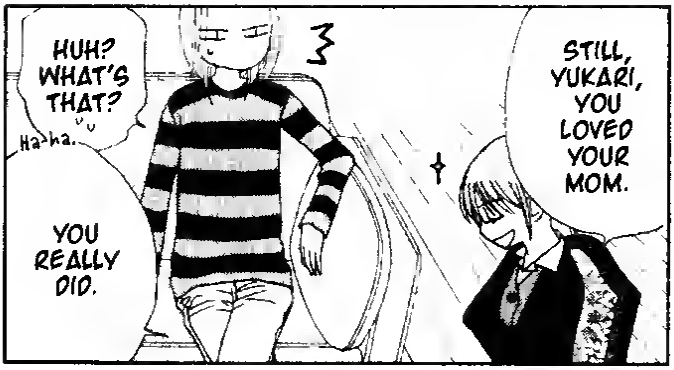

Ran chan, getting ready to go out.
Age 21
Yukari
Age 3
MOMMY.
WHAT ABOUT THE FISHIES?
きょとん
MOMMY, I WANNA SEE THE SEA OTTERS.
WAS THAT TODAY?!
BADUM
fishies & sea
otters' =Toba Aquarium
childhood name
YUCCHAN.
Ahem...

MR. SEA OTTER IS RESTING AT HOME TODAY!
NOT... TODAY?
I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
LET'S GO SEE FISHIES TOGETHER NEXT WEEKEND, OKAY?!
SLEEPIN'?
YES! WHAT A SHAME, HUH?
ギュッ
THAT'S WHAT I HATED THE MOST...
AT FIRST, YES.
HE FELL FOR THAT KIND OF STUFF?
I KNOW IT WASN'T A VERY GOOD LIE.
Heh...

...RAN-CHAN'S EMPTY PRO-MISES
EVERY TIME SHE'D LEAVE YOU TO GO PLAY WITH HER FRIENDS...
...SHE'D END UP FIGHTING WITH AOI-SAN.
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN UGLY WHEN SHE LIES

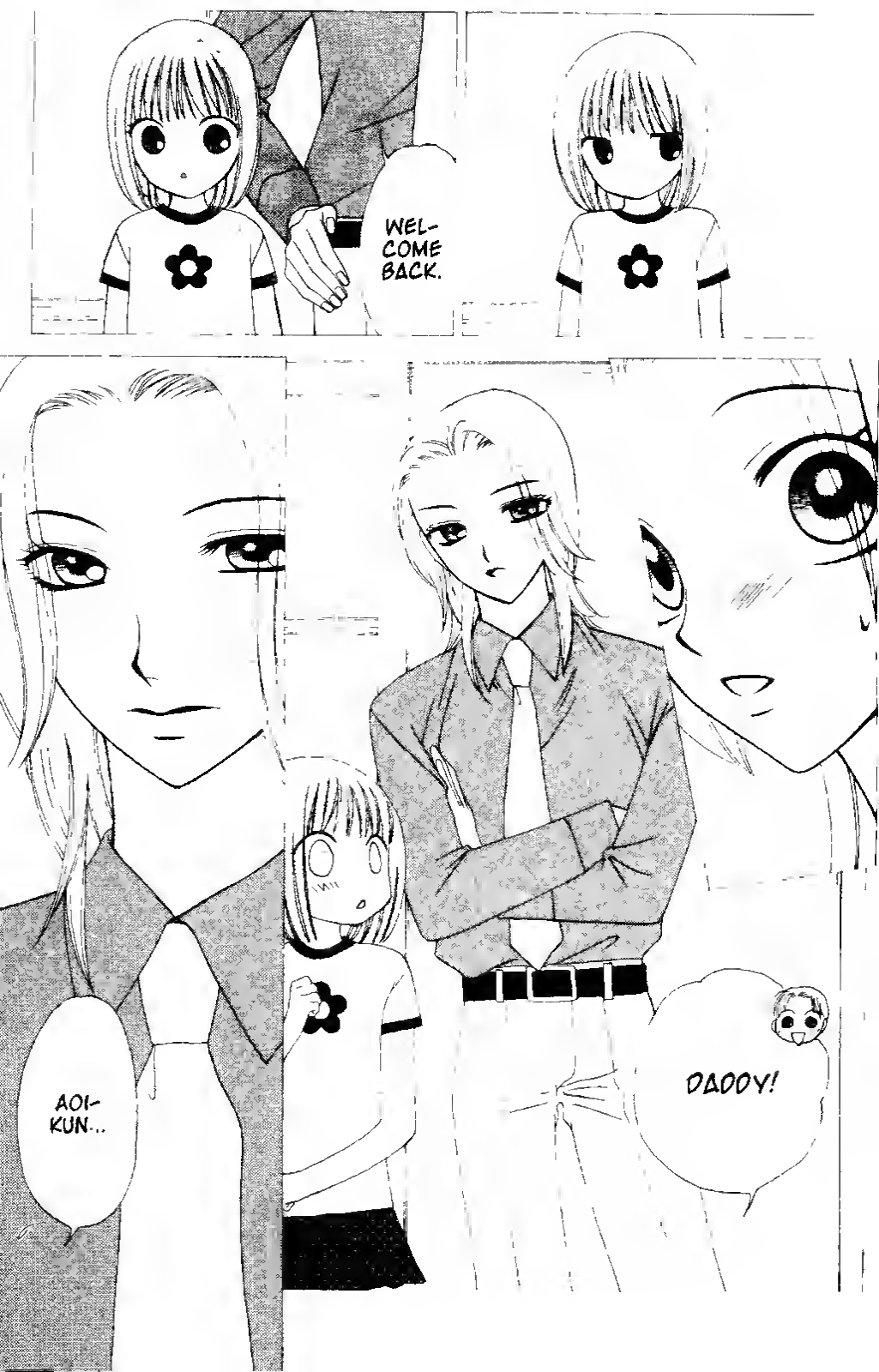

YOU WERE PRACTICALLY FAMILY.
Kitty cats are cuteness on crack!
MEW
Ha.
BECAUSE SHE WAS ALWAYS RUNNING OFF, I GOT TO GO PLAY WITH YOUR CATS.
COME ON, DON'T SAY THAT.
She looked after Yukari at her house a lot
Mam, that was the best! ♪
No animals are allowed in Velvet.

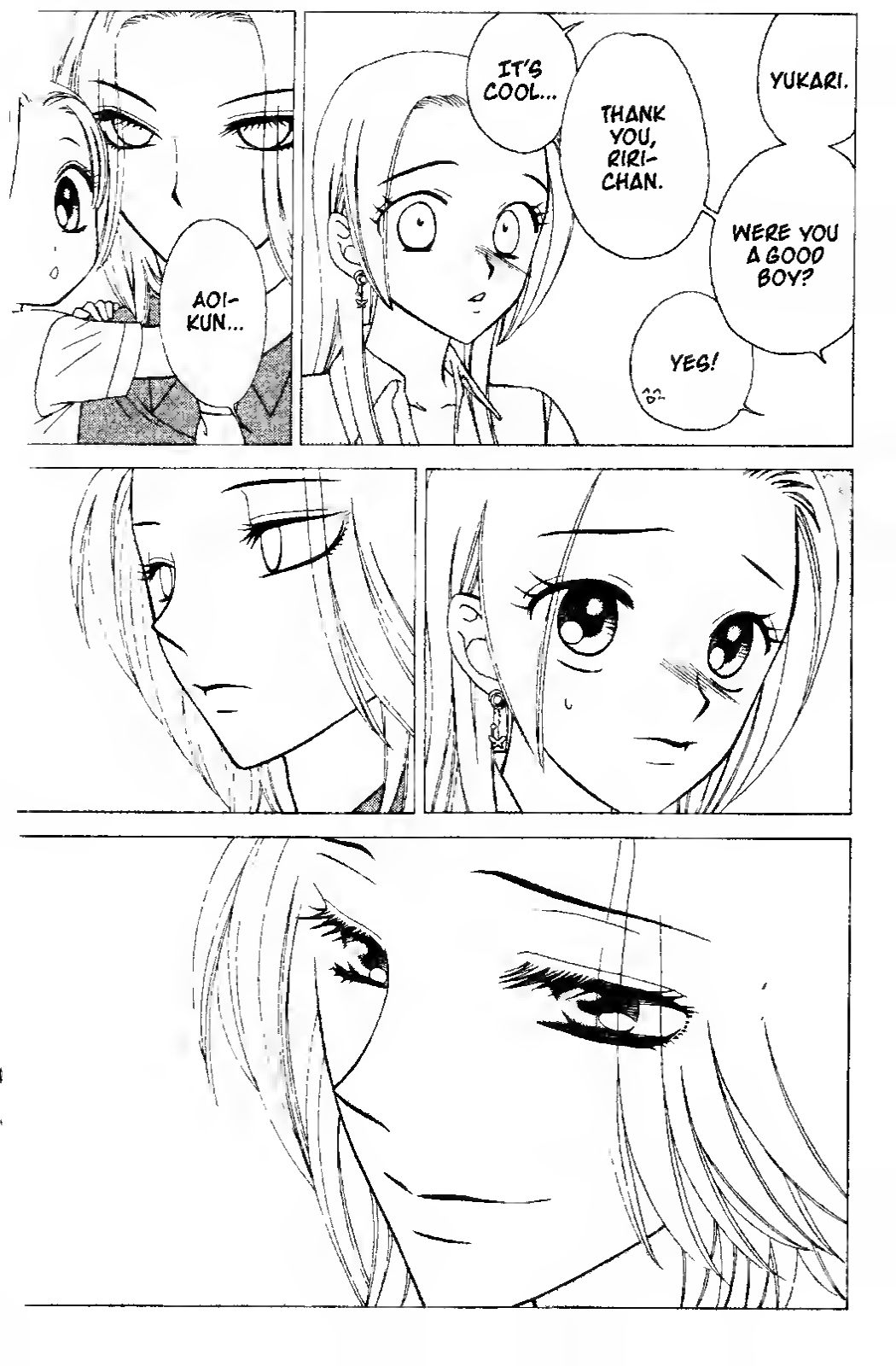

SOMEONE HAD TO ENFORCE SANITY!
People aren't supposed to eat that!
But it's yummy.
Yukari, don't feed the cats so much!
Sardines
Calcium
MEW
MEW
MEW
Mwa ha ha!
YOU WERE SCARY BACK THEN.
MAN ...

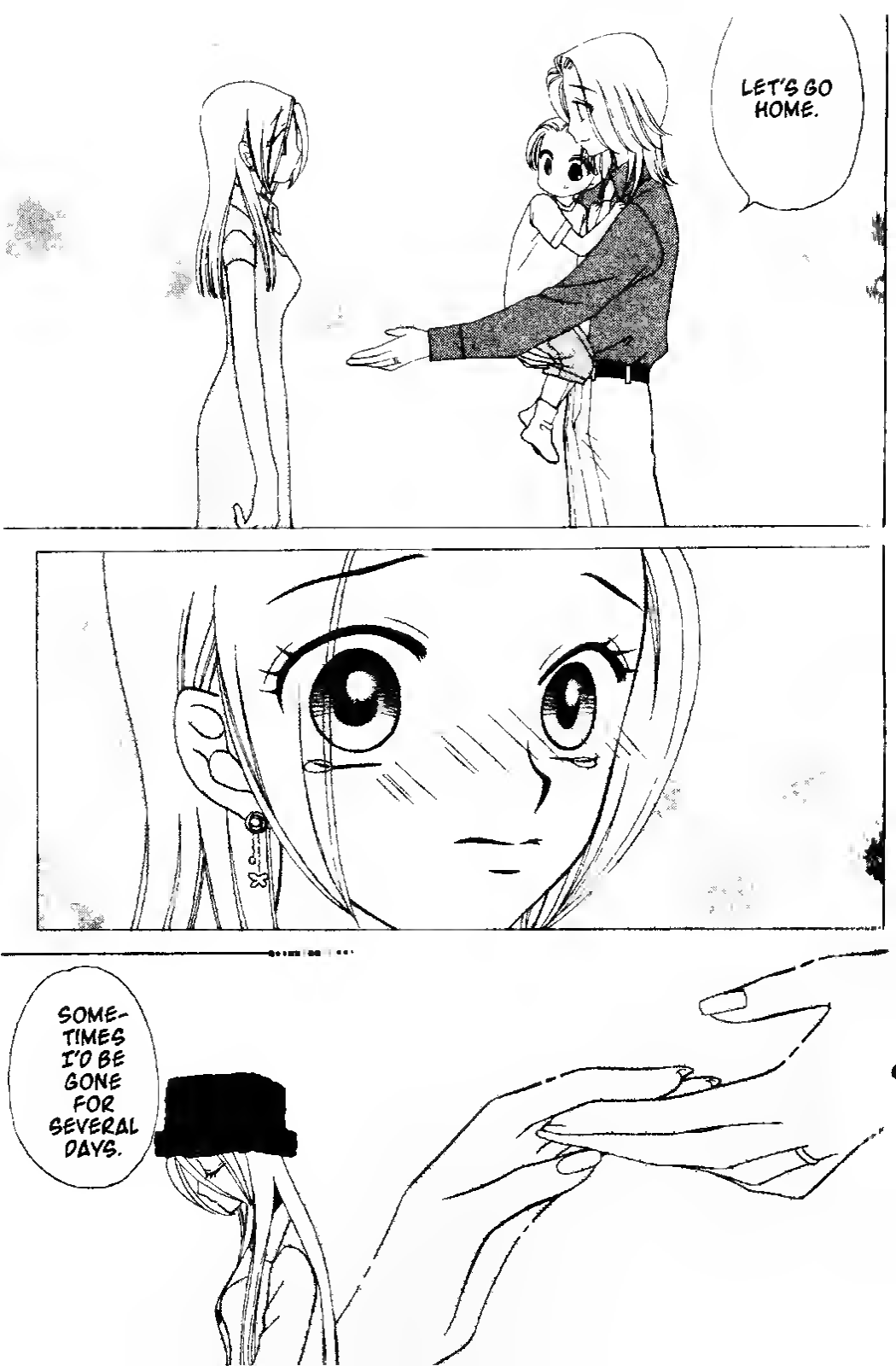

HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
Ha-ha.
YOU REALLY DID.
STILL, YUKARI, YOU LOVED YOUR MOM.

Hee...

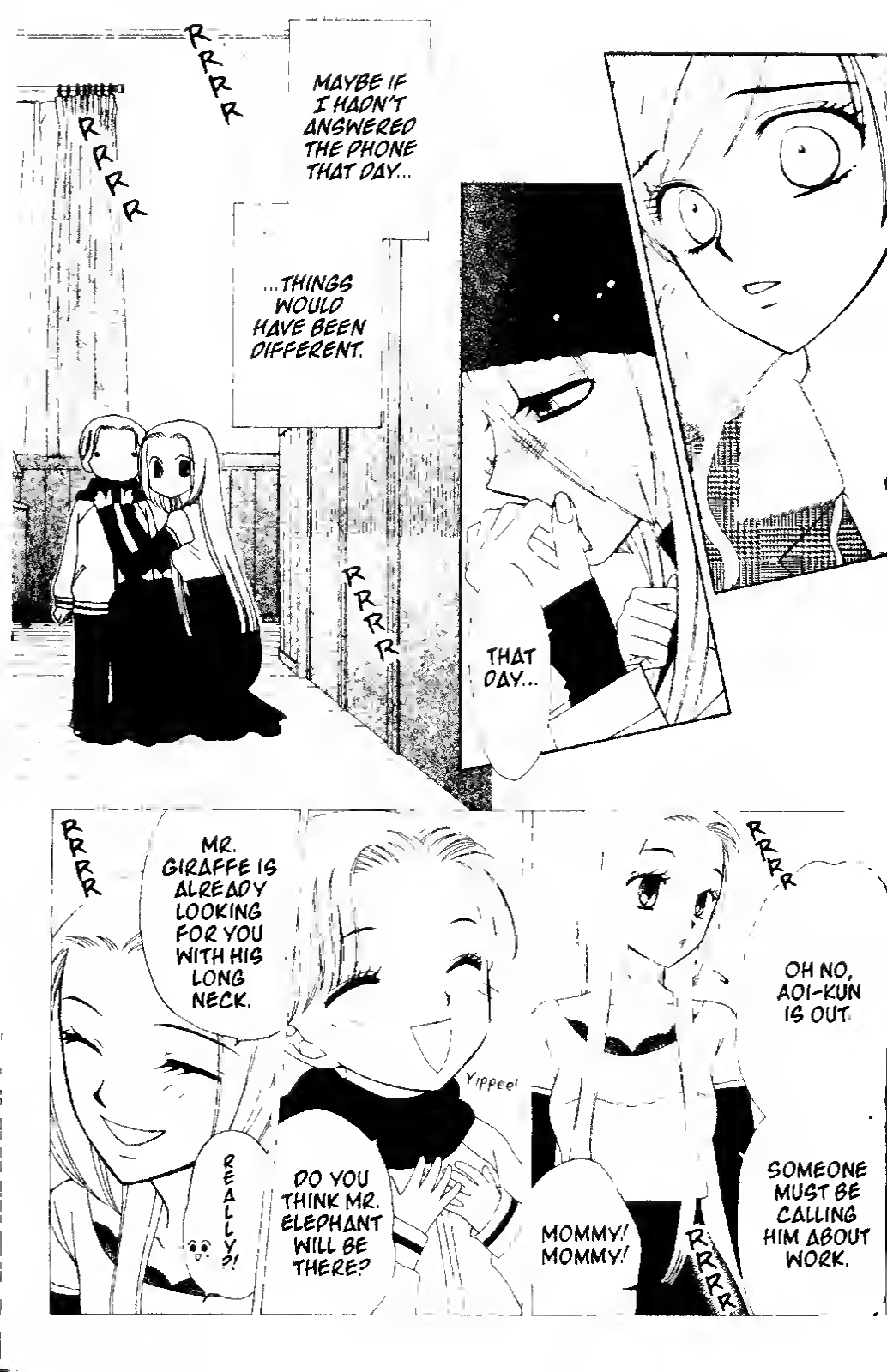
MOMMY!
WHENEVER RAN-CHAN CAME BY TO PICK YOU UP...
YUKARI, SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
YUKARI, I'M SO SORRY ABOUT TODAY.
MOMMY'S BACK!


WEL-
COME
BACK.
AOI-
KUN...
DADDY!

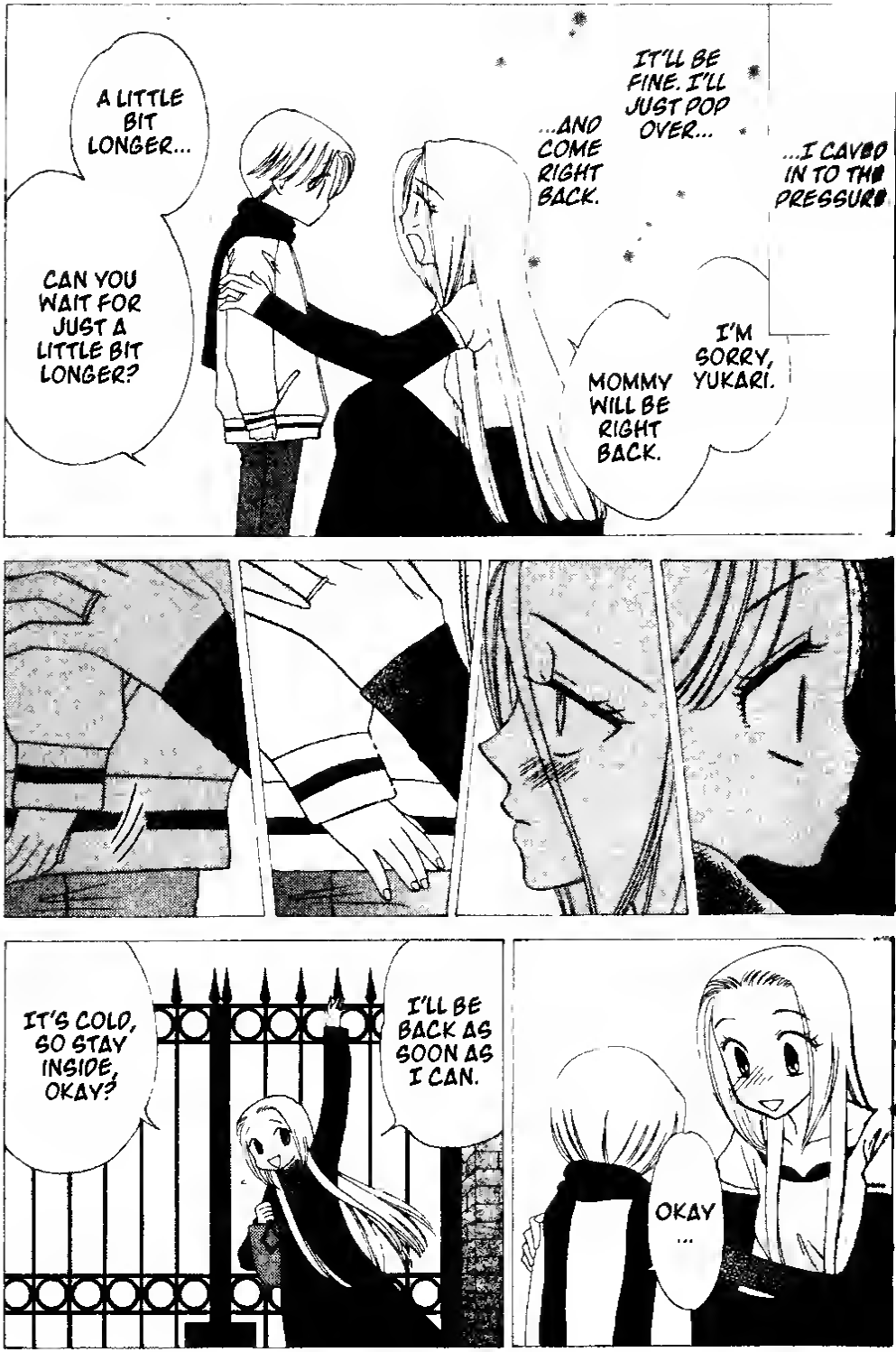

AOI-KUN...
IT'S COOL...
THANK YOU, RIRI-CHAN.
YUKARI.
WERE YOU A GOOD BOY?
YES!

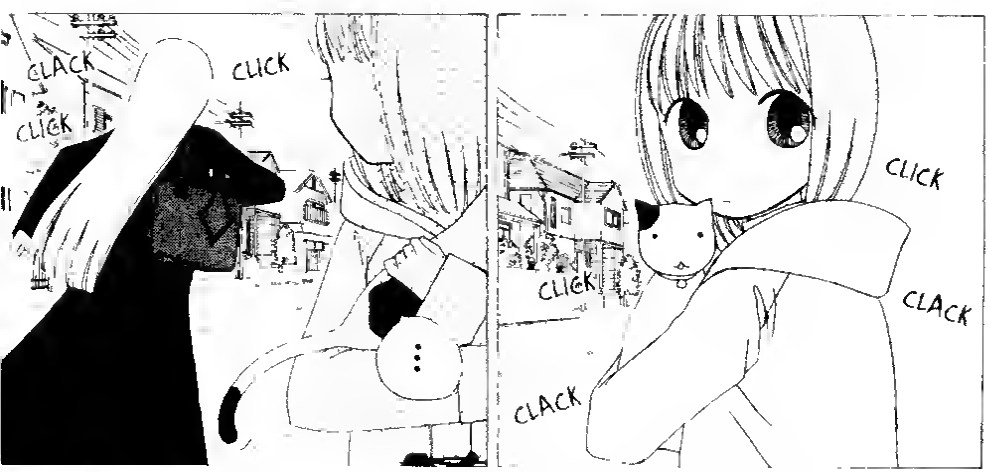

LET'S GO HOME.
SOME-TIMES I'D BE GONE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

I WAS A FAILURE AS A MOTHER.
STILL, AOI-KUN AND YUKARI WELCOMED ME HOME...
...AND GREETED ME WITH SMILES.
BUT ...
BUT ...
...I'M A TERRIBLE PERSON.
IN THE END, I WAS THE ONE WHO SEVERED THE BONDS OF OUR FAMILY.


RRRR
RRRR
MAYBE IF I HADN'T ANSWERED THE PHONE THAT DAY...
...THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT.
RRRR
THAT DAY...
RRRR
MR. GIRAFFE IS ALREADY LOOKING FOR YOU WITH HIS LONG NECK.
REALLY?!
DO YOU THINK MR. ELEPHANT WILL BE THERE?
Yippee!
MOMMY! MOMMY!
RRRR
OH NO, AOI-KUN IS OUT.
SOMEONE MUST BE CALLING HIM ABOUT WORK.
RRRR

THAT DAY I PROMISED TO GO TO THE ZOO WITH YUKARI.
HELLO, THIS IS VELVET BLUE ROSE. ARISAKA SPEAKING.
BEEP
R R
HA HA HA! HEY, RAN!
IS THAT YOUR SALES VOICE?
HUH ...
WAIT, WHAT?!
YUKO ?!
BINGO! IT'S BEEN SO LONG. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
THE CALL WAS FROM A GOOD FRIEND IN TOKYO.
WHAT?! RIGHT NOW?!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GO ALL THE WAY TO TOKYO TODAY.
OH, BUT I'M IN NAGOYA RIGHT NOW!
YOU SHOULD COME OUT!
REALLY ...?!
I WAVERED.
COME ON, IT'S BEEN SO LONG. LET'S HANG OUT.
BUT BECAUSE I WAS STUPID AND WEAK...


A LITTLE BIT LONGER...
CAN YOU WAIT FOR JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER?
MOMMY WILL BE RIGHT BACK.
...AND COME RIGHT BACK.
IT'LL BE FINE. I'LL JUST POP OVER...
...I CAVED IN TO THE PRESSURE
I'M SORRY, YUKARI.
IT'S COLD, SO STAY INSIDE, OKAY?
I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN.
OKAY ...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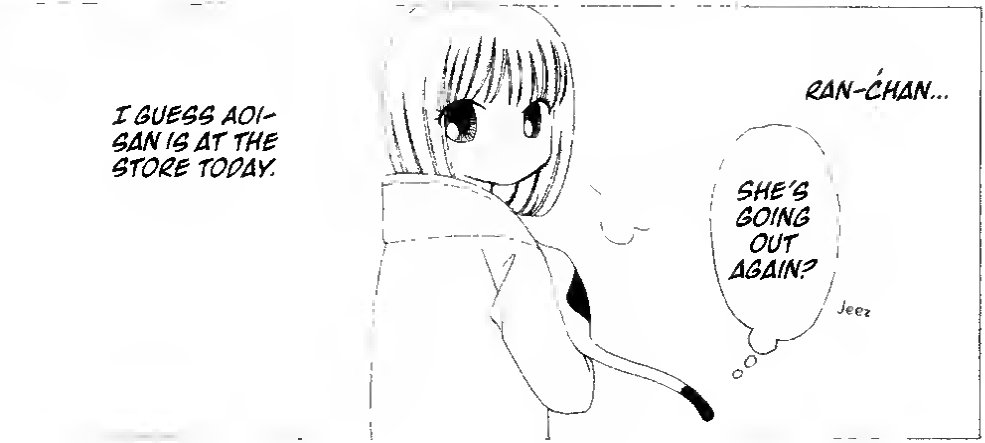
I GUESS AOI-SAN IS AT THE STORE TODAY.
RAN-CHAN...
SHE'S GOING OUT AGAIN?
Jeez

HUFF
BRRR
IT'S SNOWING.
OH...

I WAS THE ONE WHO DESTROYED THE PLACE WHERE I BELONGED.
THE GEARS FINALLY WENT OUT OF SYNC, AND IT WAS ALL MY FAULT.

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DOUBLE CHAPTER THIS TIME! WHOOHOO! SORRY FOR SKIPPING A WEEK :)

ANYWAY, JUST A QUICK NOTE, I DO PUT A LATER PUBLIC RELEASE DATE ON THESE CHAPTERS BECAUSE I WANT MY READERS TO GET A FIRST LOOK PLEASE RESPECT THESE RELEASE DATES (THIS IS FOR BOTH MANGA-SHARING SITES, AND MANGA-SHARERS!). PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS CHAPTER AFTERWARDS IF YOU PLEASE!

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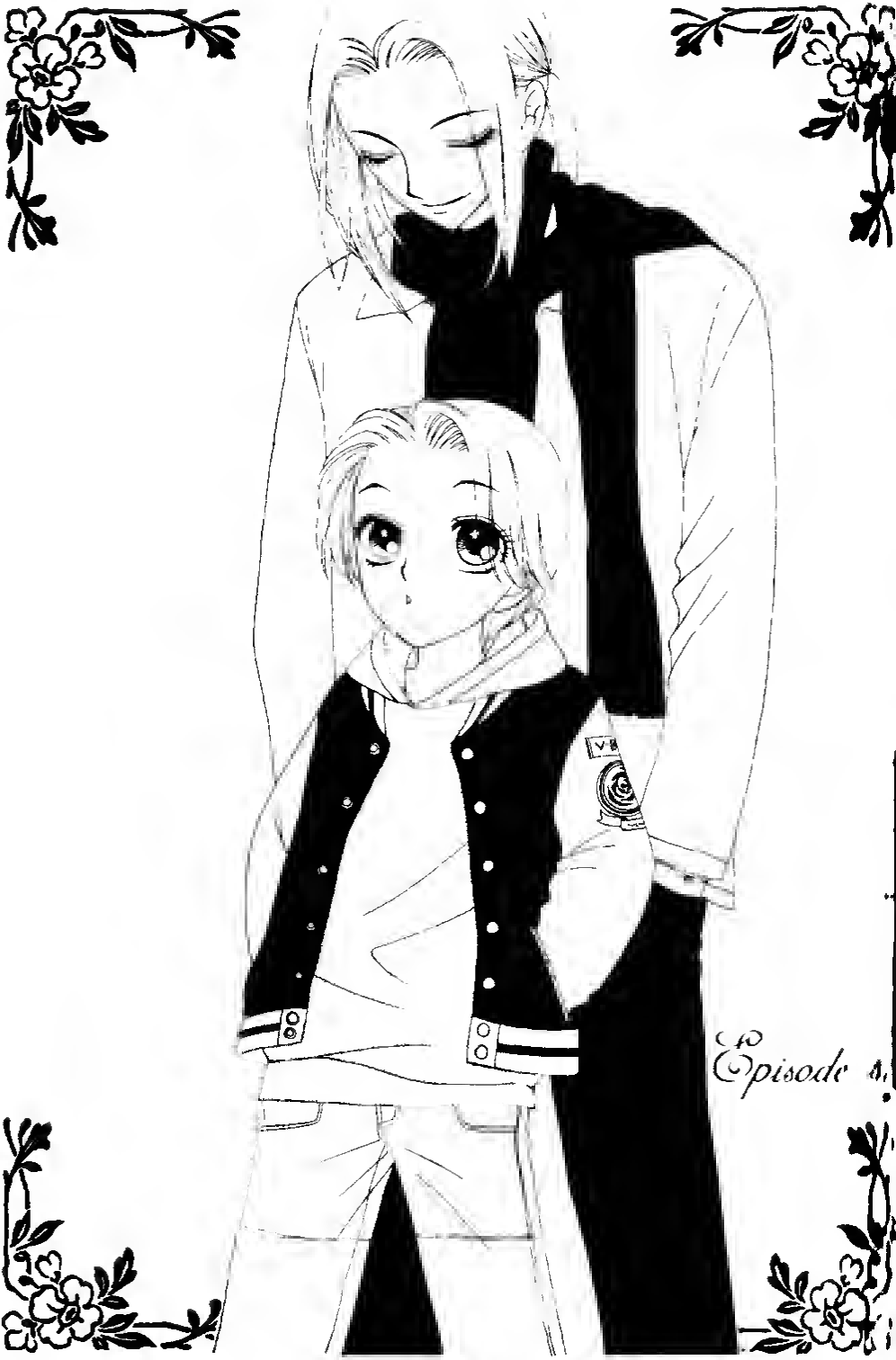
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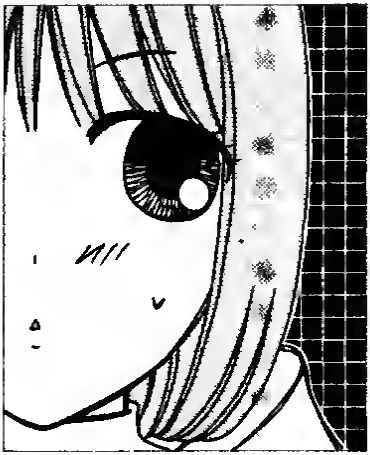
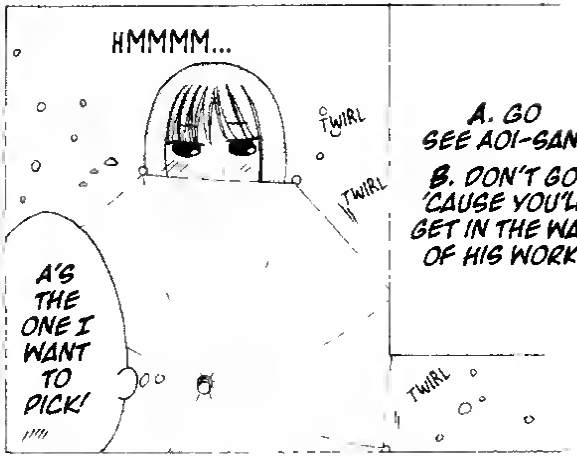
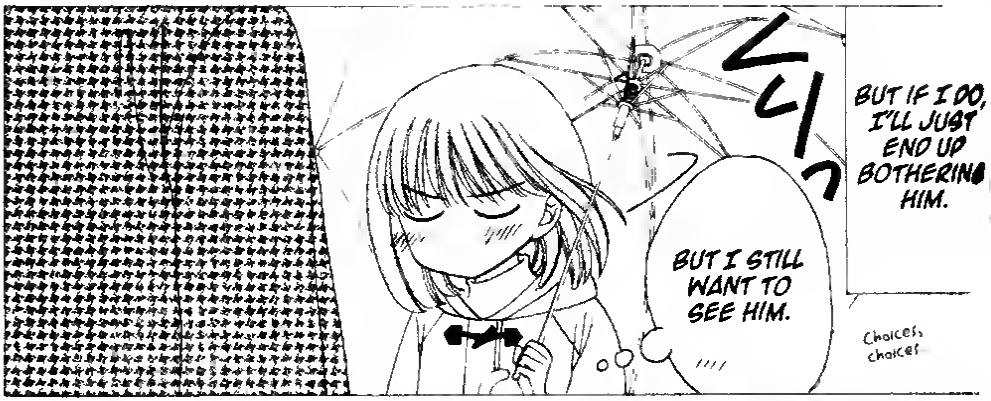
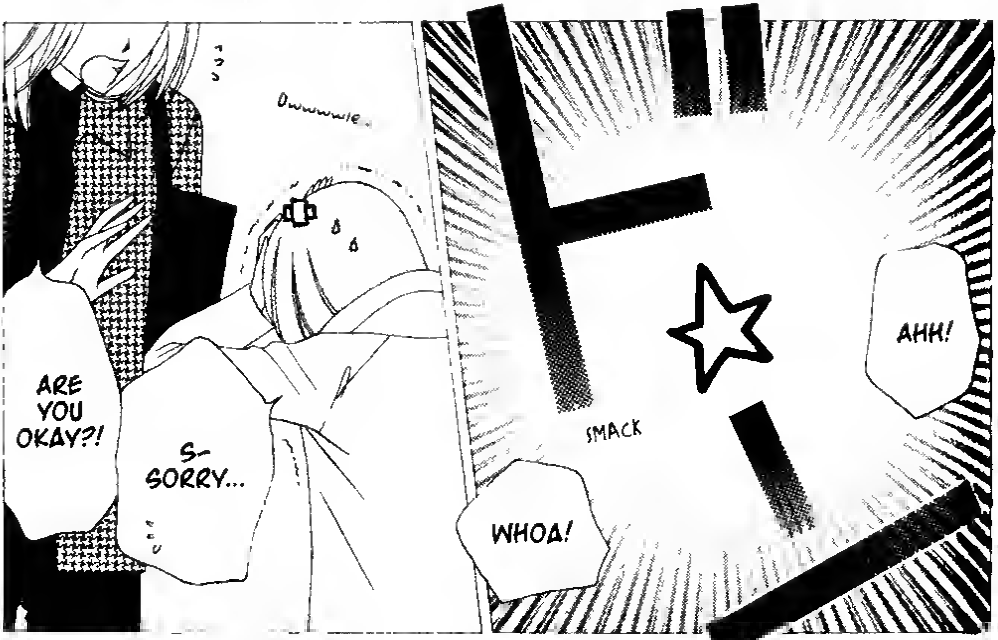



HMMMM...
TWIRL
TWIRL
A'S THE ONE I WANT TO PICK!
A. GO SEE AOI-SAN.
B. DON'T GO 'CAUSE YOU'LL GET IN THE WAY OF HIS WORK.
TWIRL


BUT I STILL WANT TO SEE HIM.
BUT IF I DO, I'LL JUST END UP BOTHERING HIM.
Choices, choices


Owwwwie
ARE YOU OKAY?!
S-SORRY...
SMACK
WHOA!
AHH!

HERE, RIRI-CHAN.
YOU DROPPED THIS
AOI-SAN...

TH-THANK YOU.
LOOK.
IT'S SNOWING AGAIN.
UM, AOI-SAN
HAVE YOU BEEN GONE THE WHOLE DAY?
YEP. I'VE BEEN OUT BUYING FABRIC AND LACE.
I bought so much they had to ship what I couldn't carry.
THEN WHAT ABOUT YUKARI?

HMM?
HE WENT TO THE ZOO WITH RAN.
"I GUESS AOI-SAN IS AT THE STORE TODAY."
A!!
RIRI-CHAN?!

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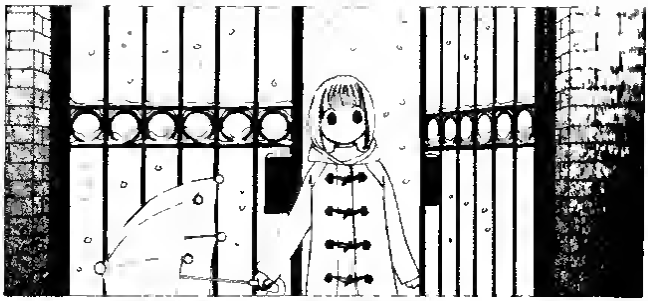
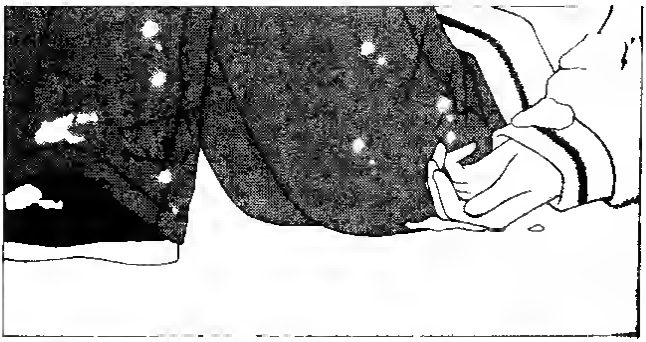
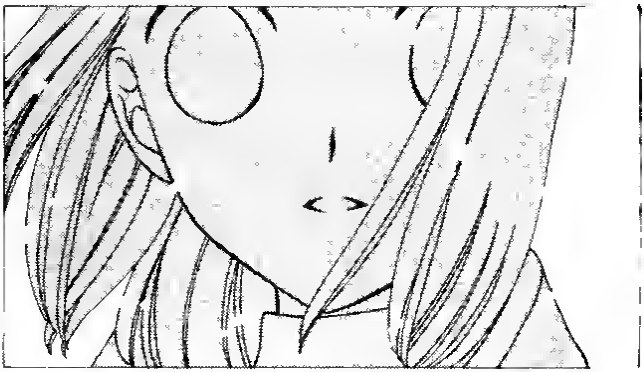
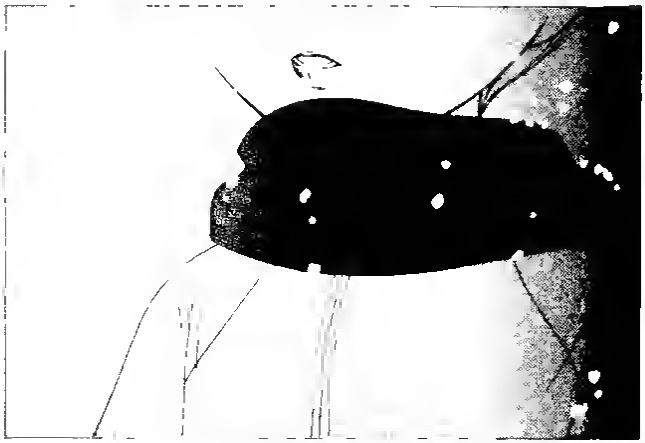
CLUNK



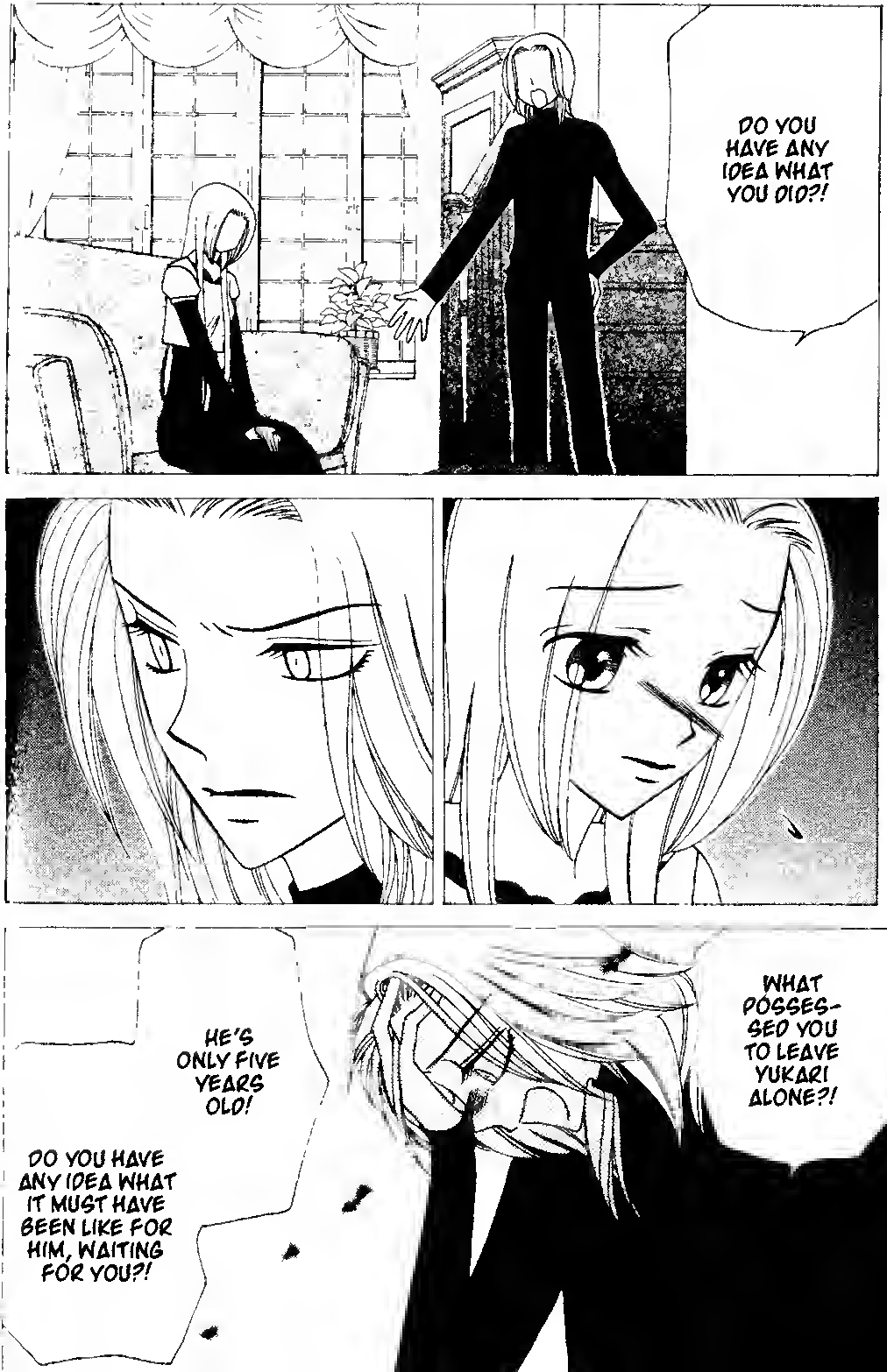






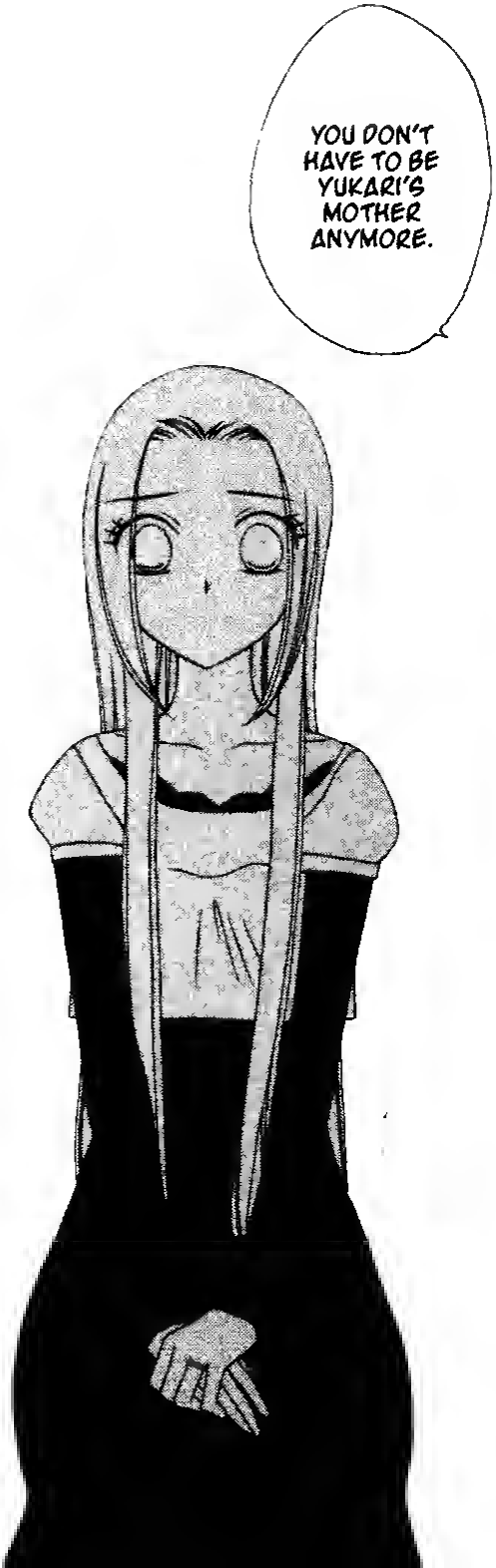
AOI-SAN!!

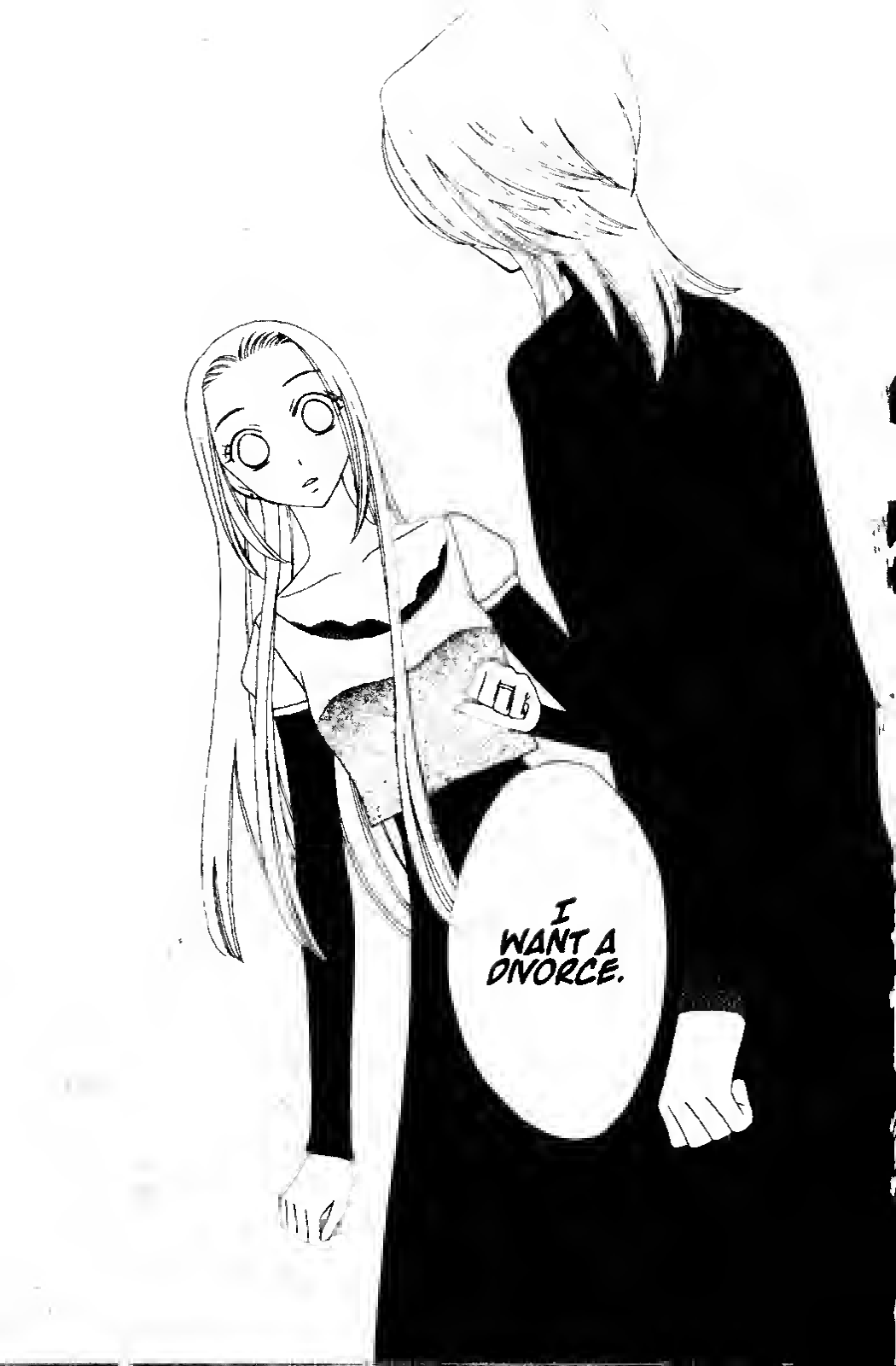
YUKARI!!
IF WE'D FOUND HIM JUST A LITTLE LATER...
...YUKARI WOULD HAVE GOTTEN PNEUMONIA.


DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU DID?!
WHAT POSSESSED YOU TO LEAVE YUKARI ALONE?!
HE'S ONLY FIVE YEARS OLD!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN LIKE FOR HIM, WAITING FOR YOU?!

TIME?!
BUT...
...I HAD NO TIME--
...HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN PNEUMONIA! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!
WHAT'S WORSE
TAKING TIME FOR YOURSELF ISN'T AN EXCUSE TO LEAVE YUKARI BEHIND!
ANY TIME YOU HAVE.
...BELONGS TO YOUR FAMILY FIRST!
THAT'S ENOUGH.
I'VE HAD IT.
...

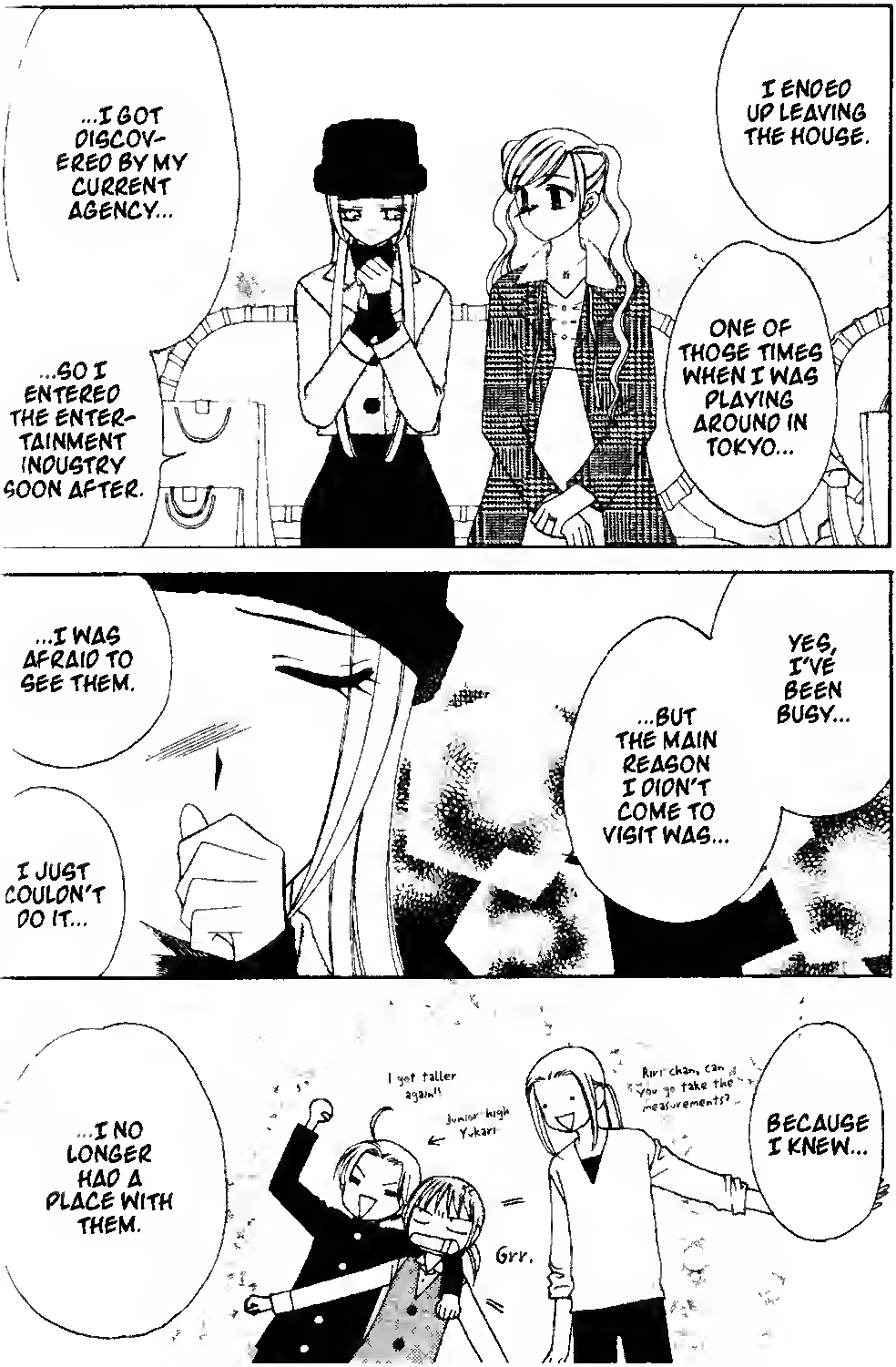
FROM NOW ON, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH YOUR LIFE.
AOI-KU--


YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE YUKARI'S MOTHER ANYMORE.


I WANT A DIVORCE.

...I WANT CUSTODY OF YUKARI.
AND...

I WAS FACED WITH PARTING...
...FROM BOTH AOI-KUN AND YUKARI.
"GOODBYE, RAN."
I KNEW IT WAS TOO LATE TO START CARING, BUT...
...HIS WORDS TORE ME APART


...I GOT DISCOV-ERED BY MY CURRENT AGENCY...
...SO I ENTERED THE ENTER-TAINMENT INDUSTRY SOON AFTER.
I ENDED UP LEAVING THE HOUSE.
ONE OF THOSE TIMES WHEN I WAS PLAYING AROUND IN TOKYO...
...I WAS AFRAID TO SEE THEM.
I JUST COULDN'T DO IT...
YES, I'VE BEEN BUSY...
...BUT THE MAIN REASON I DIDN'T COME TO VISIT WAS...
...I NO LONGER HAD A PLACE WITH THEM.
I got taller again!!
Junior high Yukari
Grr.
Rui-chan, can you go take the measurements?
BECAUSE I KNEW...

Finally, the second V.B. Rose Drama CD is being released on Friday December 21, 2007.

I'm so happy that the first one received rave reviews. Thanks a bunch to everyone who listened to it!

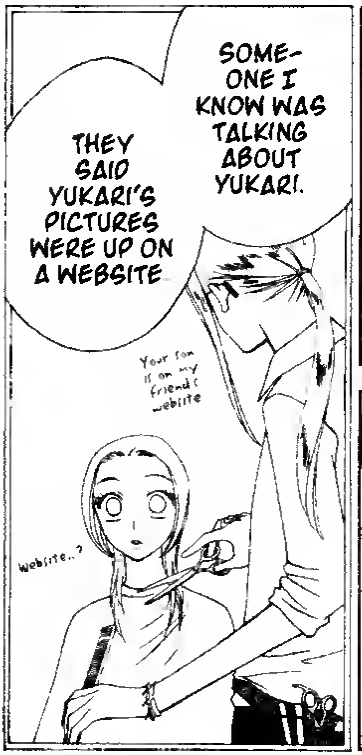
The following amazing voice actors joined forces on this project.

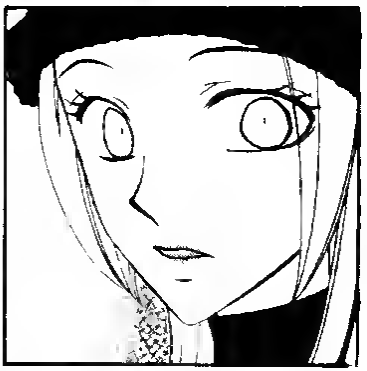
Casting

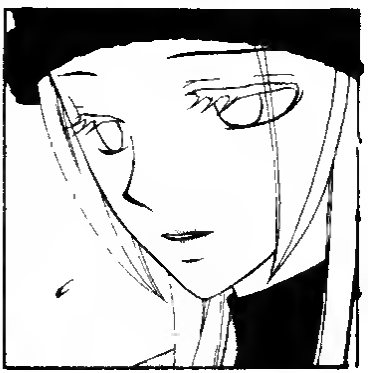
Ageha — Nana Mizuki
Yukari — Takahiro Sakurai
Mitsuya — Junichi Suwabe
Mamoru — Mio Yasuda
Tsuyu — Mamiko Noto
Nagare — Takashi Ohara
Shizuya — Takayuki Kondo
Rei — Mitsuki Saiga
Kana — Miyuki Sawashiro

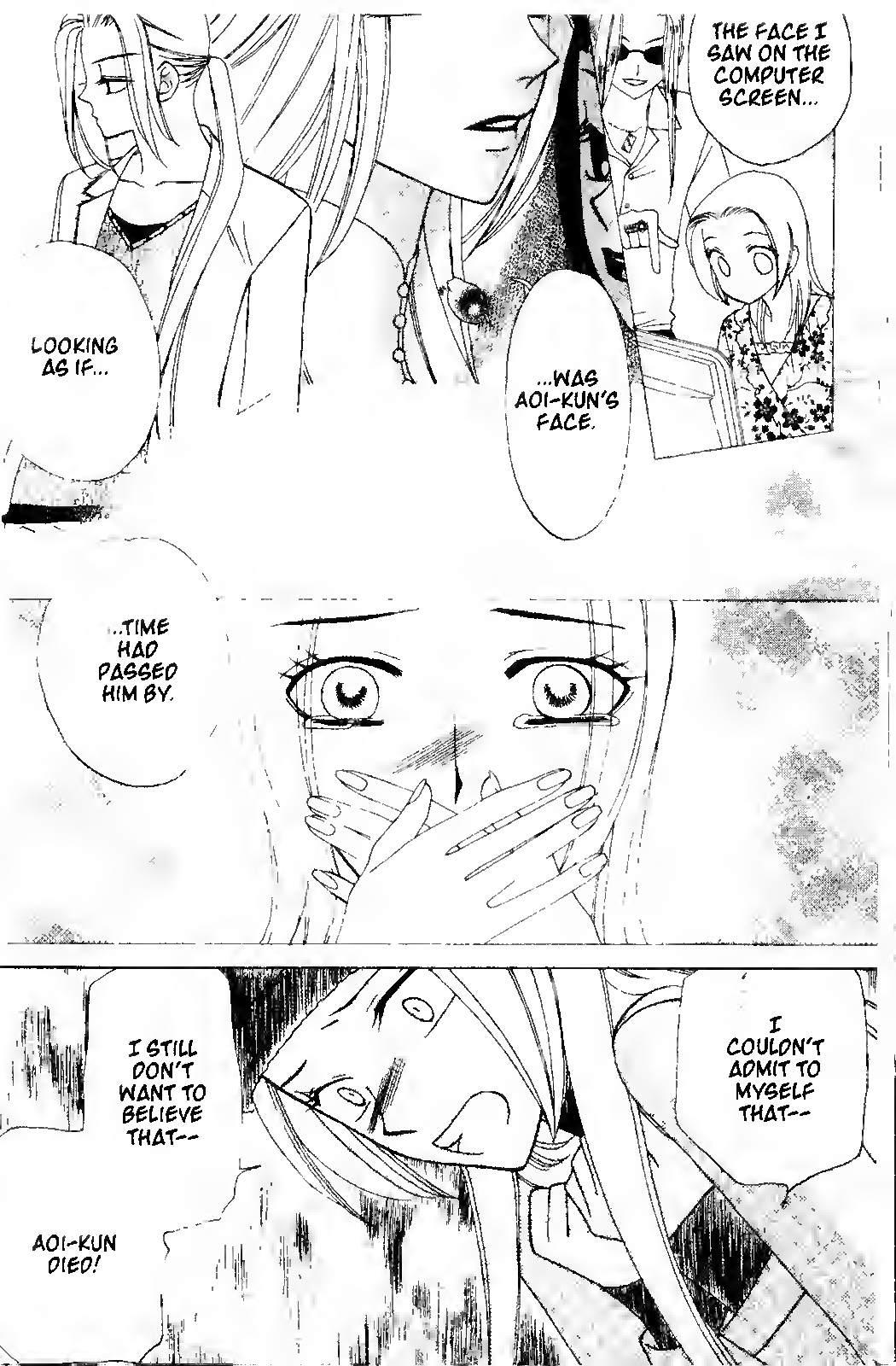
The moment I heard about the release of the second Drama CD, I called Mitsuki Saiga-san. And I also called Kikuta-san, who is a musical director that I work with.

In June, I had a meeting about the CD with scriptwriter Tsuchiya-san, a representative from Marine Entertainment, and my editor. I already knew that if there were going to be a second one, I would make the story about "Skating!" so we talked about that for hours. (Continued in the next column.)

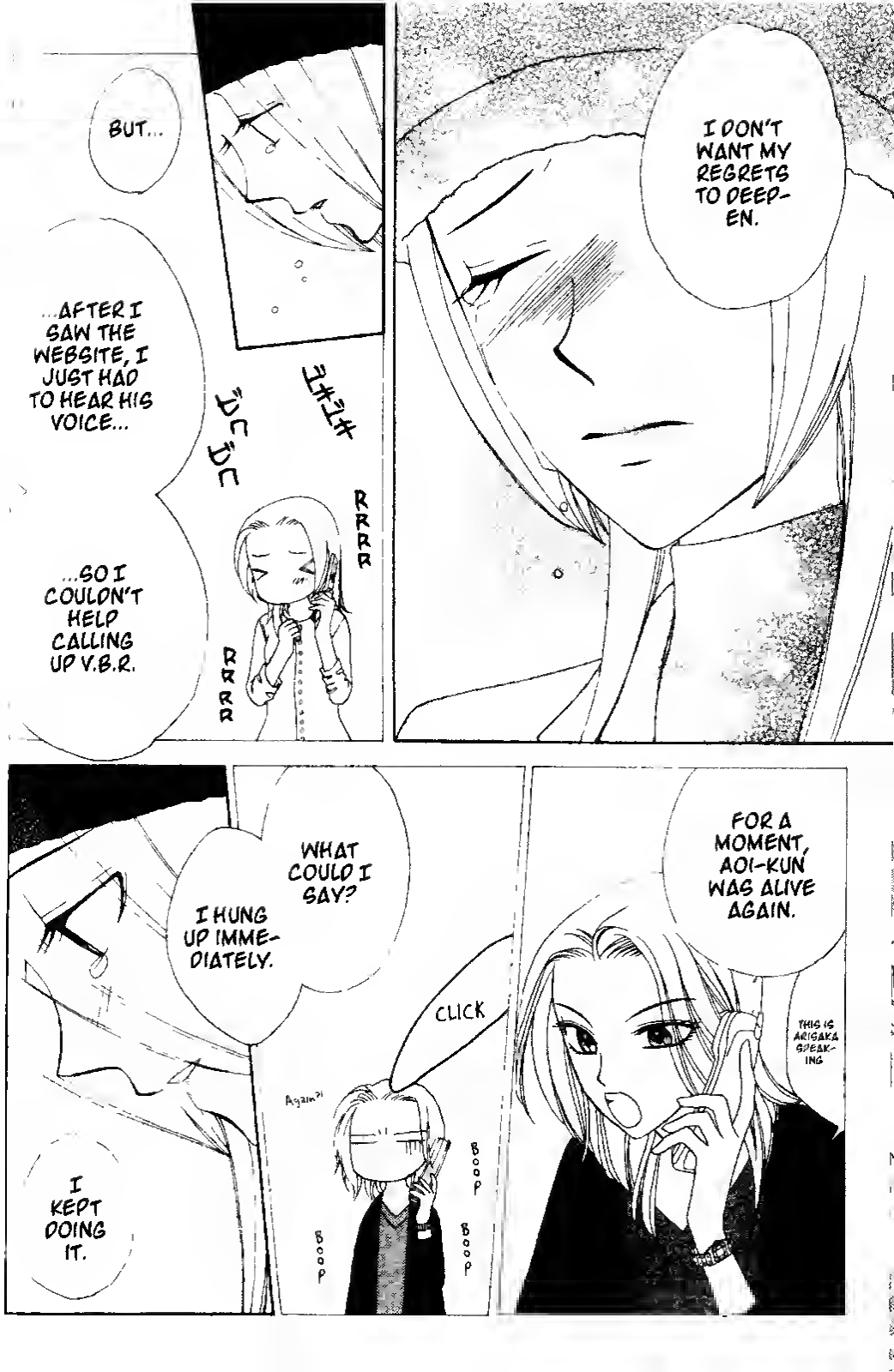

SOME-ONE I KNOW WAS TALKING ABOUT YUKARI.
THEY SAID YUKARI'S PICTURES WERE UP ON A WEBSITE
Your fan is on my friend's website
website...?






THE FACE I SAW ON THE COMPUTER SCREEN...
...WAS AOI-KUN'S FACE.
LOOKING AS IF...
..TIME HAD PASSED HIM BY.
I COULDN'T ADMIT TO MYSELF THAT--
I STILL DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE THAT--
AOI-KUN DIED!

THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T GO TO THE FUNERAL, EITHER.
THE REASON I NEVER VISITED...
...OR DIDN'T EVEN CALL, IS THAT...
IF I'D SEEN HIS STILL, SILENT FACE...
...IT ONLY WOULD HAVE FILLED MY HEART WITH MORE REGRET.
...I DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT THAT REALITY.
WHAT'S KEPT ME AWAY UNTIL NOW...
...IS KNOWING THAT I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO APOLOGIZE TO HIM.


I DON'T WANT MY REGRETS TO DEEP-EN.
BUT...
...AFTER I SAW THE WEBSITE, I JUST HAD TO HEAR HIS VOICE...
...SO I COULDN'T HELP CALLING UP V.B.R.
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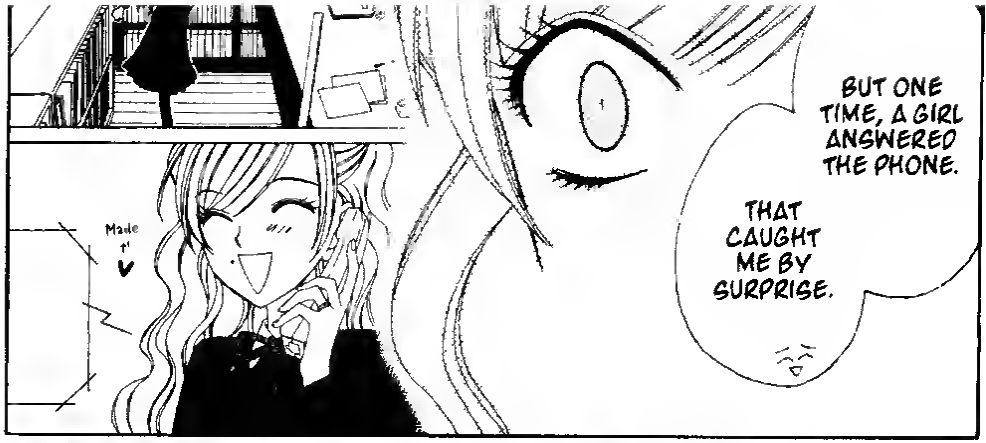
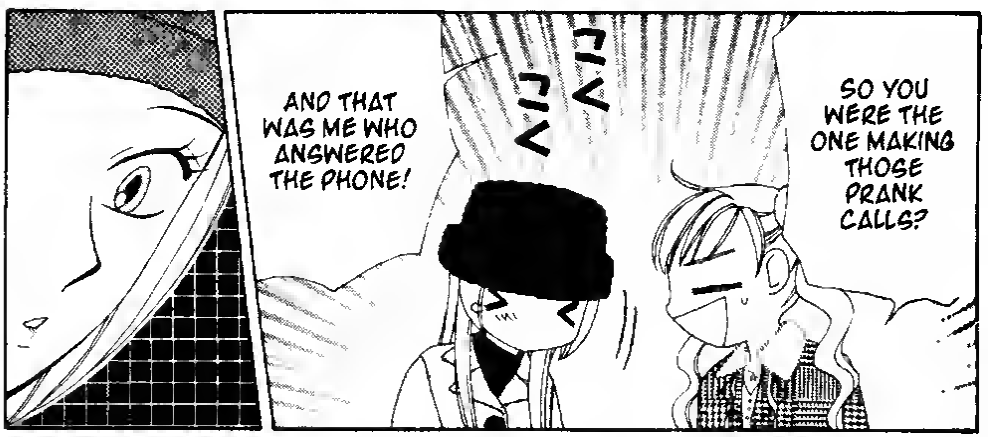
RRRR
RRRR
FOR A MOMENT, AOI-KUN WAS ALIVE AGAIN.
THIS IS ARISAKA SPEAK-ING
CLICK
Again?!
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
I HUNG UP IMME-DIATELY.
WHAT COULD I SAY?
I KEPT DOING IT.


Made it!
BUT ONE TIME, A GIRL ANSWERED THE PHONE.
THAT CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE.


AND THAT WAS ME WHO ANSWERED THE PHONE!
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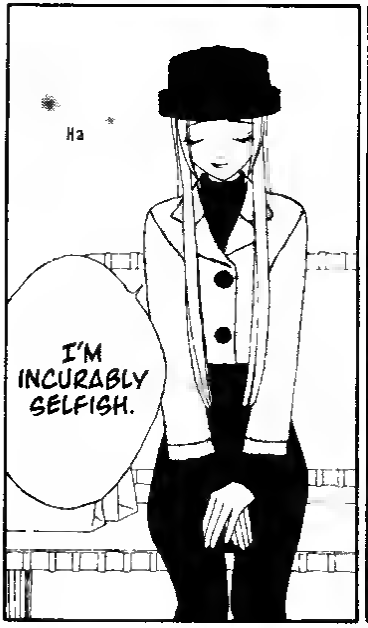
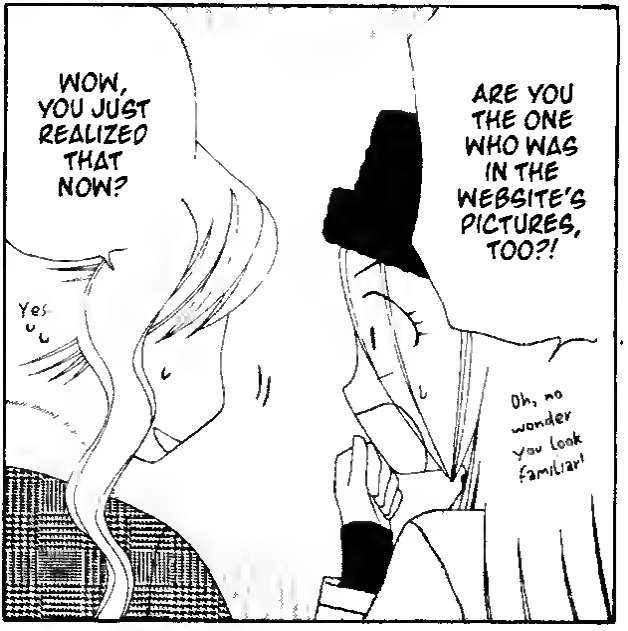
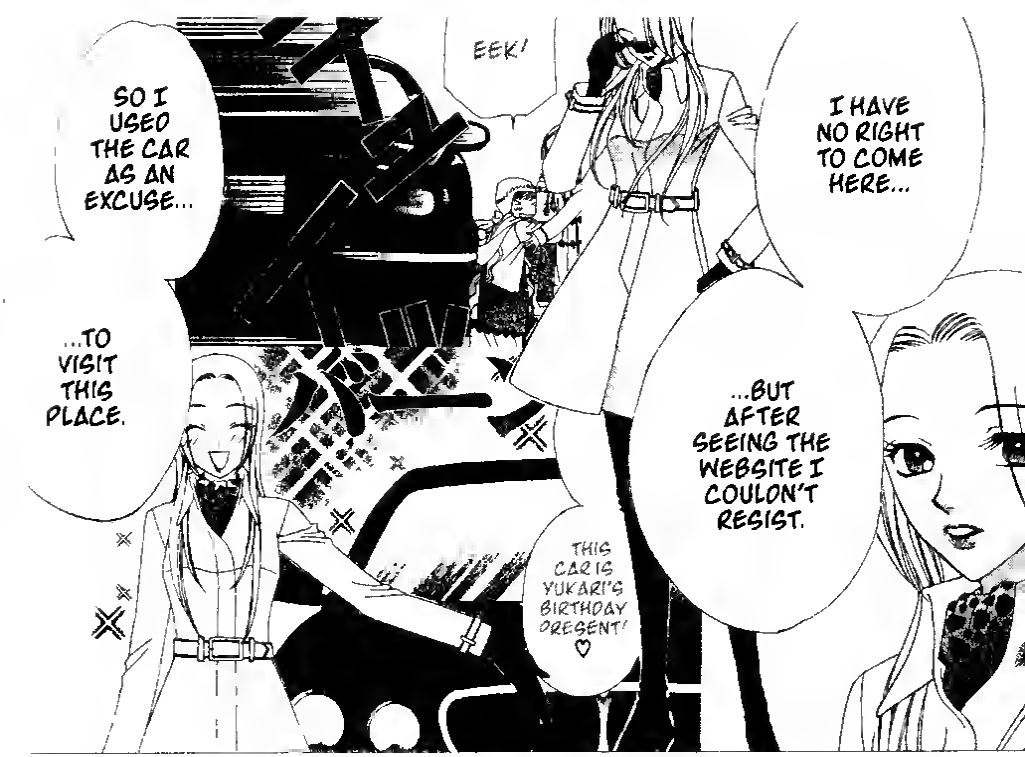
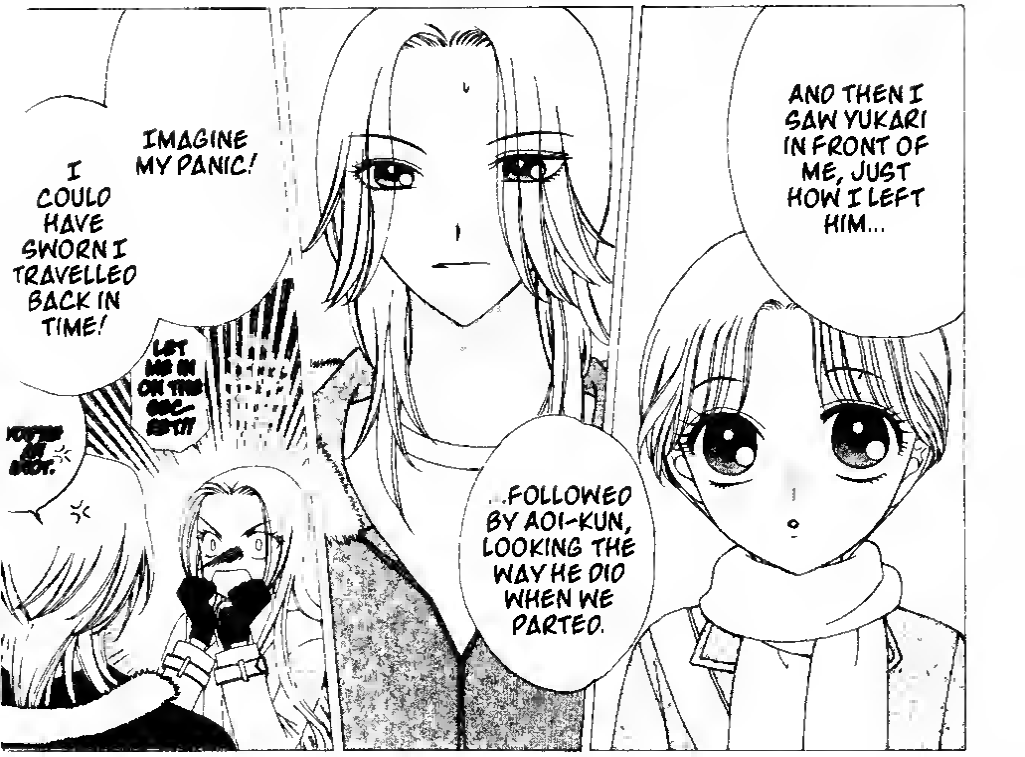
SO YOU WERE THE ONE MAKING THOSE PRANK CALLS?


Ha
I'M INCURABLY SELFISH.


WOW, YOU JUST REALIZED THAT NOW?
Yes
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO WAS IN THE WEBSITE'S PICTURES, TOO?!
Oh, no wonder you look familiar!


EEK!
I HAVE NO RIGHT TO COME HERE...
...BUT AFTER SEEING THE WEBSITE I COULDN'T RESIST.
THIS CAR IS YUKARI'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT! ♡
SO I USED THE CAR AS AN EXCUSE...
...TO VISIT THIS PLACE.


AND THEN I SAW YUKARI IN FRONT OF ME, JUST HOW I LEFT HIM...
...FOLLOWED BY AOI-KUN, LOOKING THE WAY HE DID WHEN WE PARTED.
I COULD HAVE SWORN I TRAVELLED BACK IN TIME!
IMAGINE MY PANIC!
LET ME IN ON THIS SOC-RET!!!

Heh...
Hee
Hee
Hee
Hee
Hee
Hee
?
I KNEW IT.
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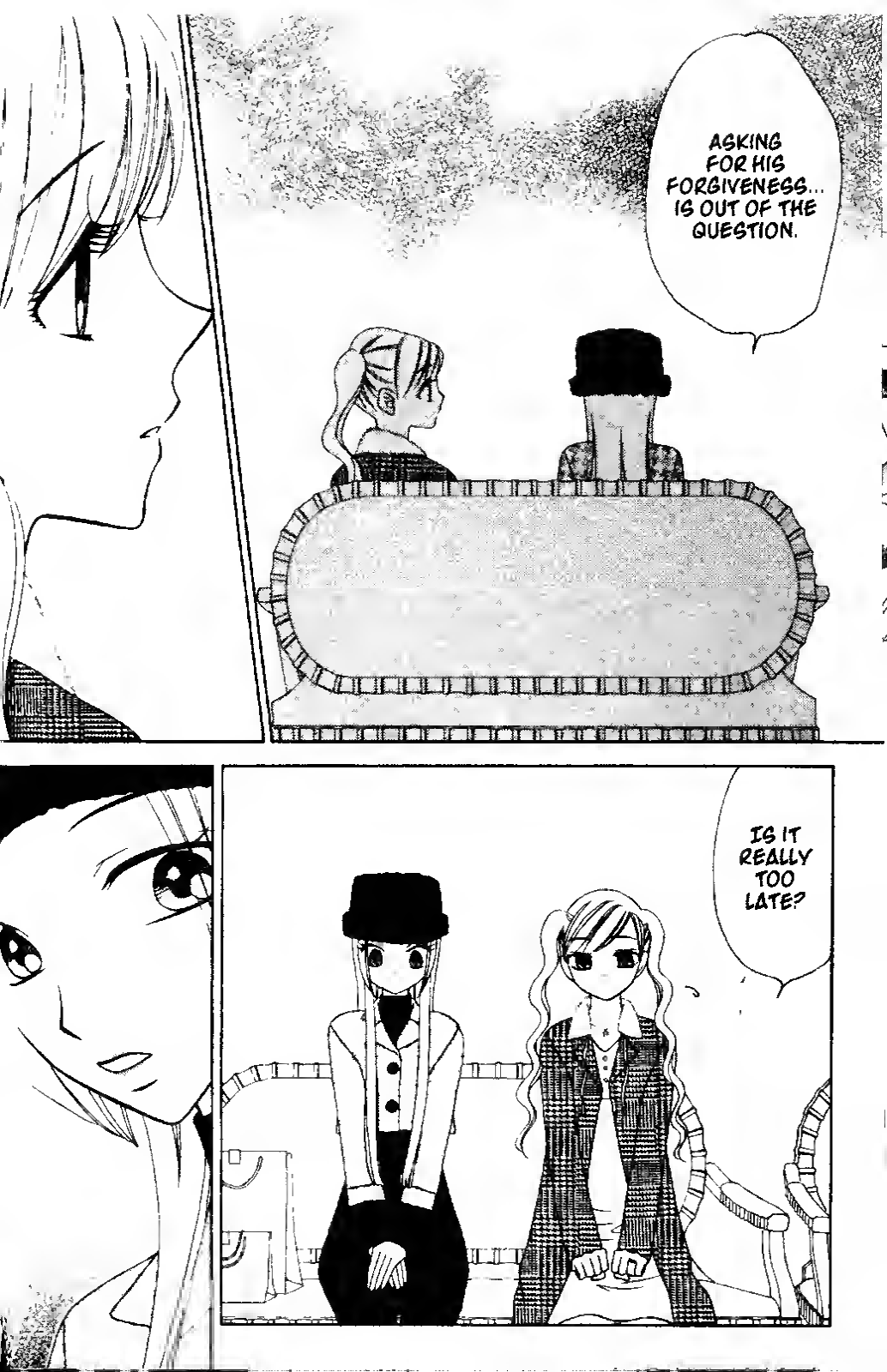
I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT...
...TO COME HERE.
Heh...
I WAS JUST THINKING HOW NURTURE WINS OUT OVER NATURE.
YUKARI GOT RIRI-CHAN'S PERSO-NALITY.


ASKING FOR HIS FORGIVENESS... IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
IS IT REALLY TOO LATE?

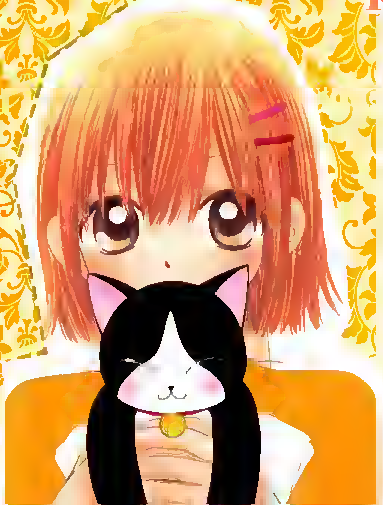
...BUT IF HE REALLY HATED YOUR GUTS, THEN...
...HE WOULD HAVE TURNED YOU AWAY IMMEDIATELY.
THAT'S ARISAKA-SAN.
I CAN'T SPEAK FOR HOW ARI-SAKA-SAN FEELS...
...DEEP INSIDE HIS HEART...
AGEHA-CHAN...

YES.
HE'S THAT KIND OF PERSON.
She speaks from experience
?

LET'S GO HOME.
BACK TO WHERE ARISAKA-SAN IS.

EVEN IF IT'S TOO LATE, GO APOLOGIZE.
TAKE THINGS ONE STEP AT A TIME.
YES, LET'S GO HOME...

RIRIKO...
THERE'S ...
...SOME-THING...
...I WANT TO SAY TO HER.



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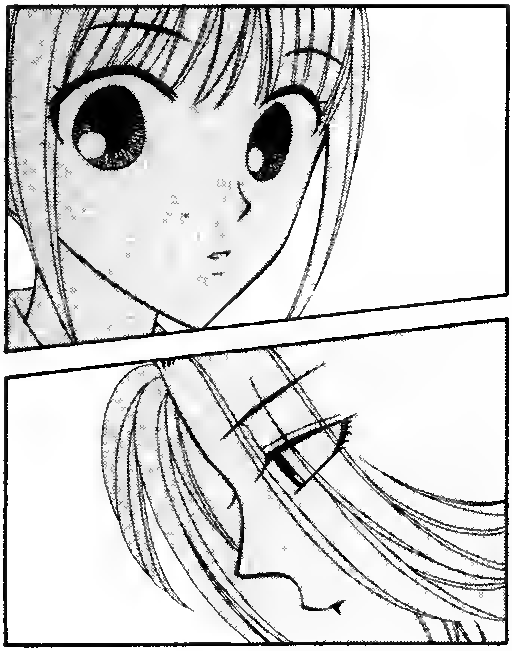
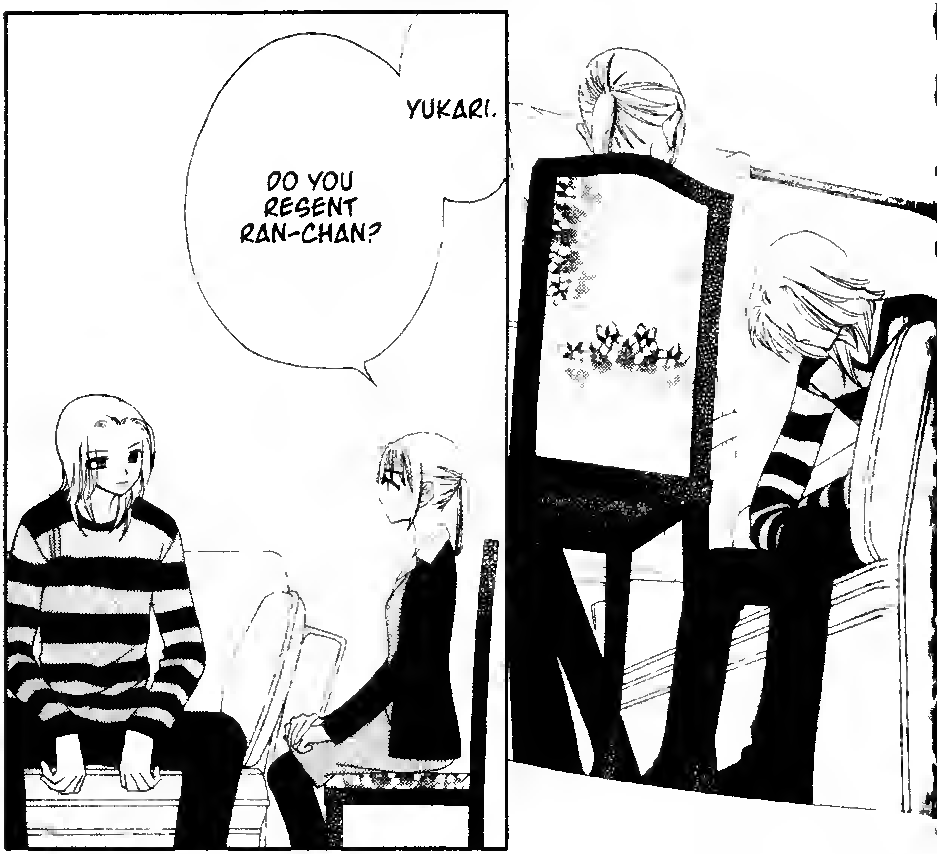
IF I HAD LISTENED
AND WAITED BACK
INSIDE THE HOUSE...

IF I'D SAID IT THEN...

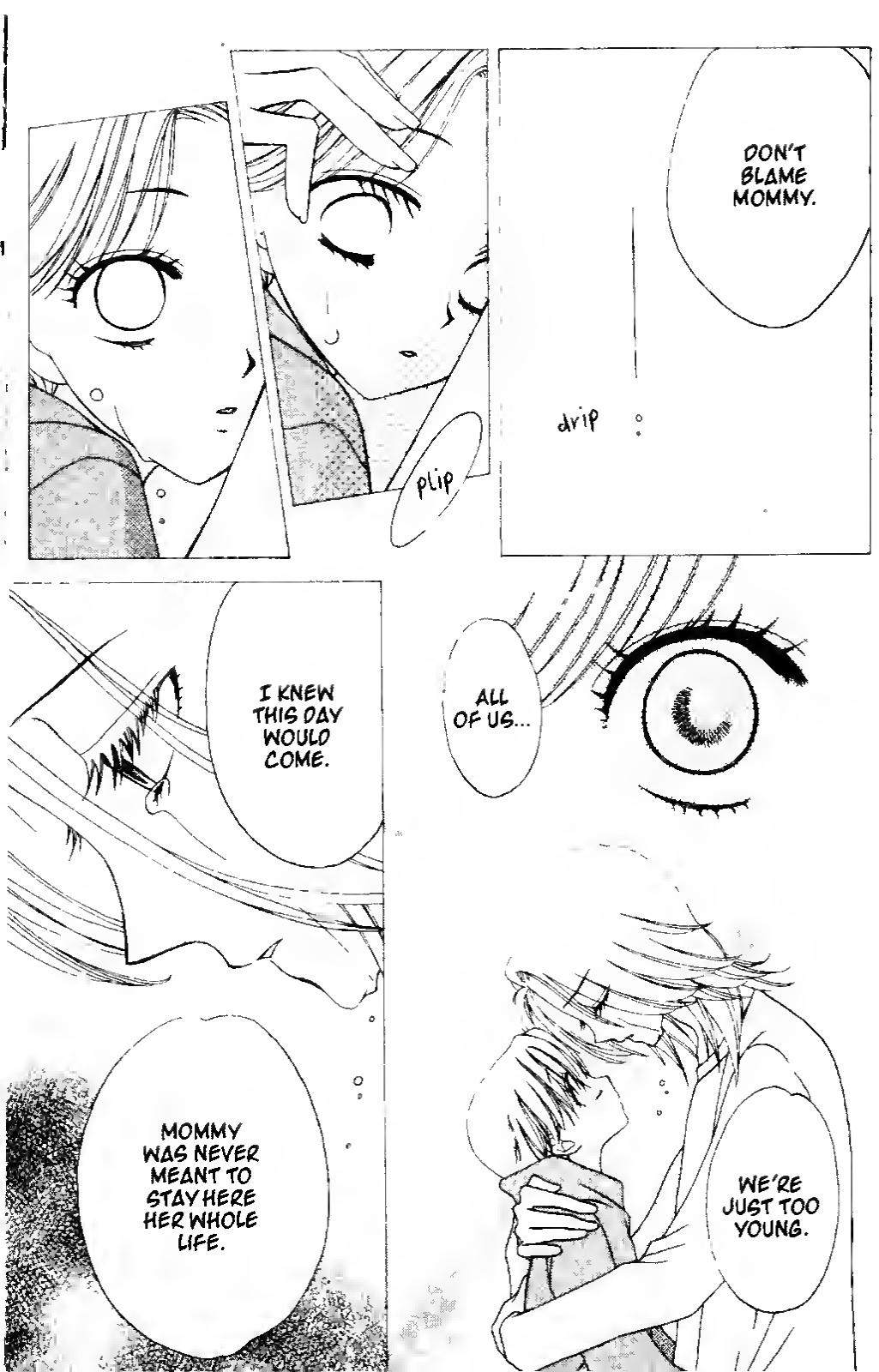
...WOULD THINGS BE
DIFFERENT NOW?



"THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY TO HER."



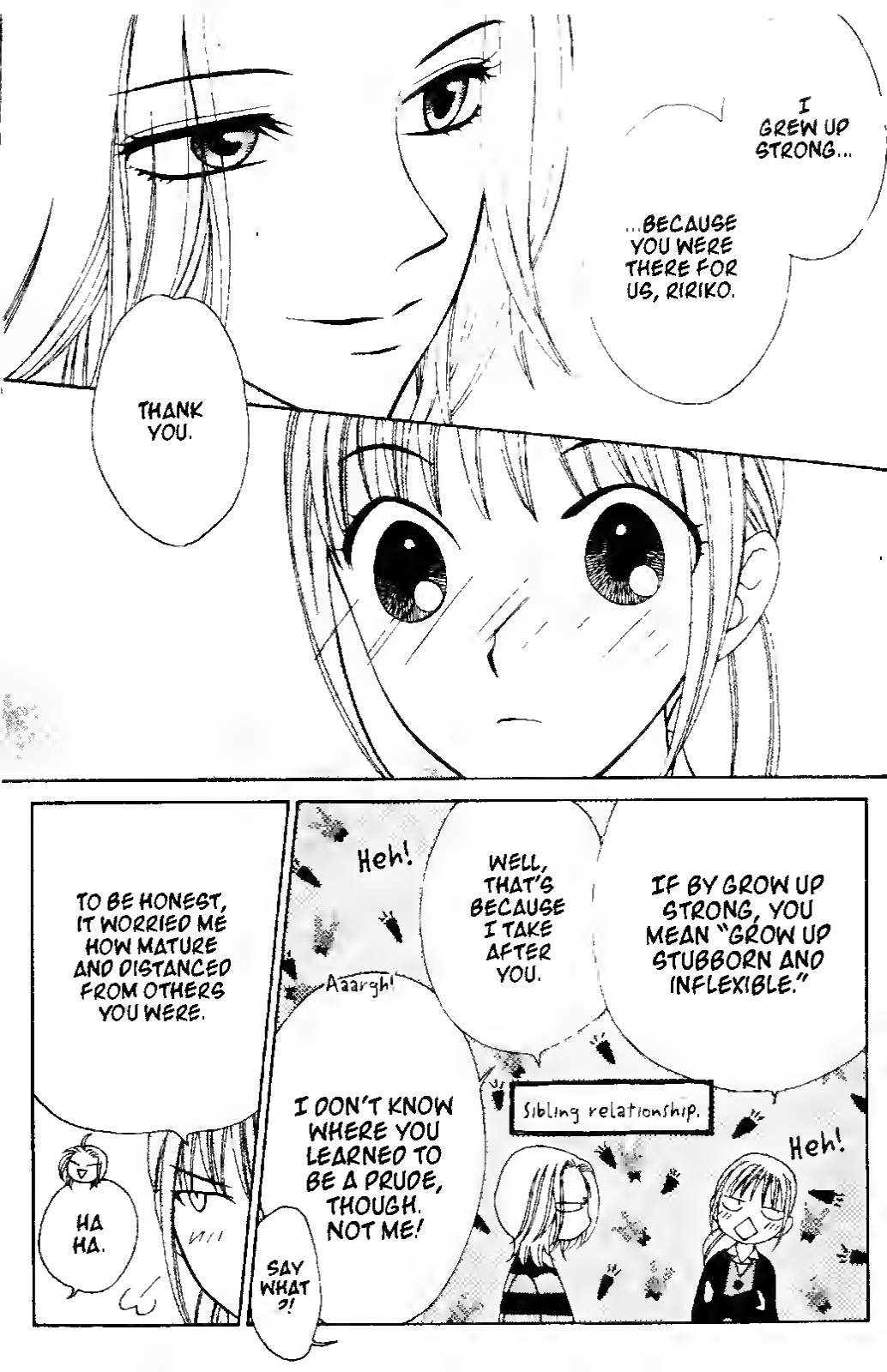
"YUKARI, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT."
BUT...
...IT'S NOT MOMMY'S FAULT, EITHER.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, YUKARI.


plip
DON'T BLAME MOMMY.
drip
ALL OF US...
I KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME.
MOMMY WAS NEVER MEANT TO STAY HERE HER WHOLE LIFE.
WE'RE JUST TOO YOUNG.

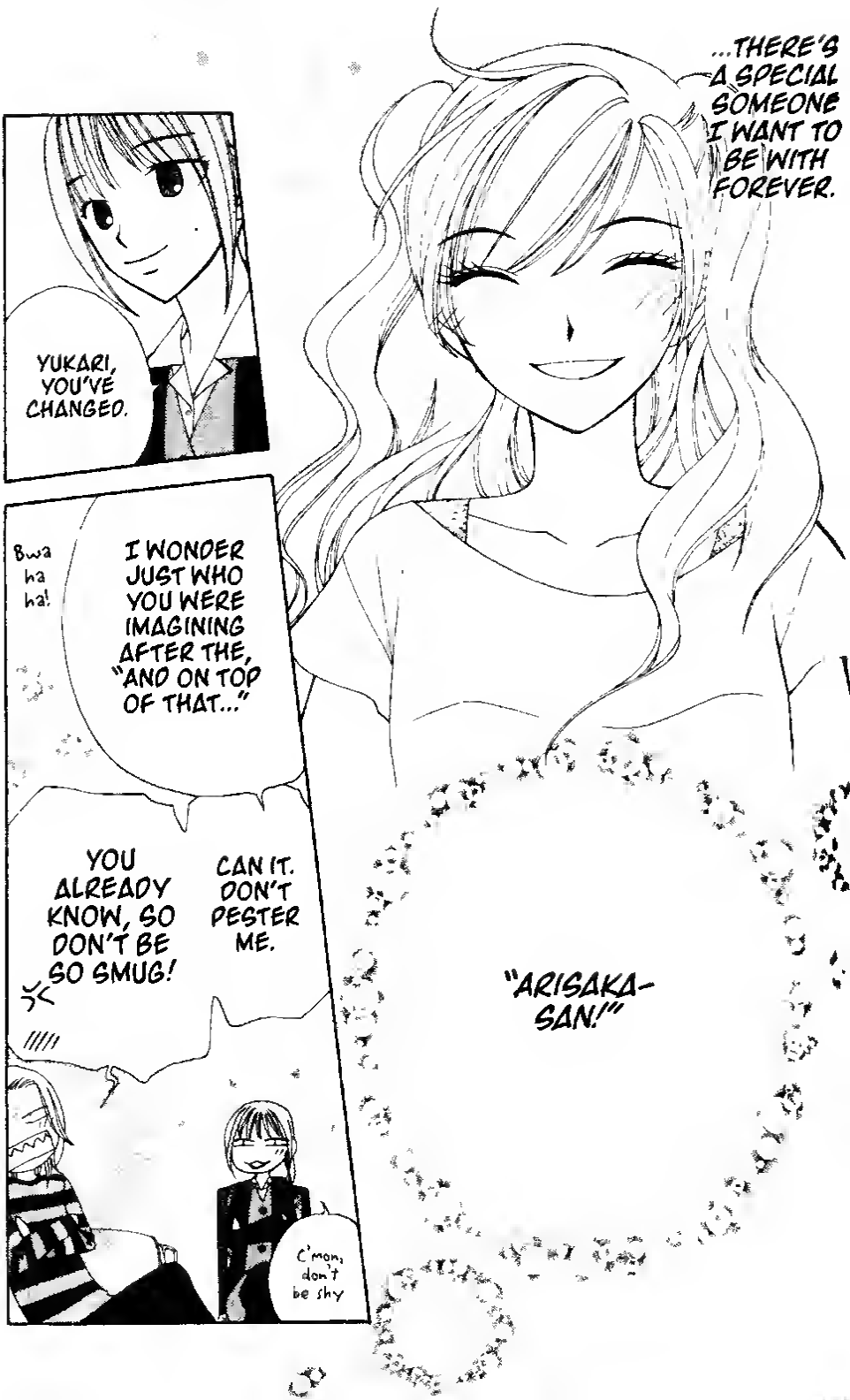
"I'M SORRY, YUKARI..."
I THINK THAT WAS DAD'S FAVORITE PHRASE.
BUT...
KIDS...
...TEND TO THINK THAT EVERY-THING'S THEIR FAULT.
MAYBE IF I HADN'T CAUGHT A COLD...
...MY PARENTS WOULDN'T HAVE SEPA-RATED.
clench

"DON'T GO."
IF ONLY I HAD SAID...
..."DON'T GO"...
...THEN MAYBE THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT NOW.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO STOP THINK-ING THAT
YUKARI.

...I'M GLAD YOU WERE THERE, RIRIKO.
BUT...
AND THAT MADE ME HAPPY, TOO.
THANKS TO THAT...
...DAD FOUND HAPPINESS AGAIN WHEN YOU GUYS GOT MARRIED.

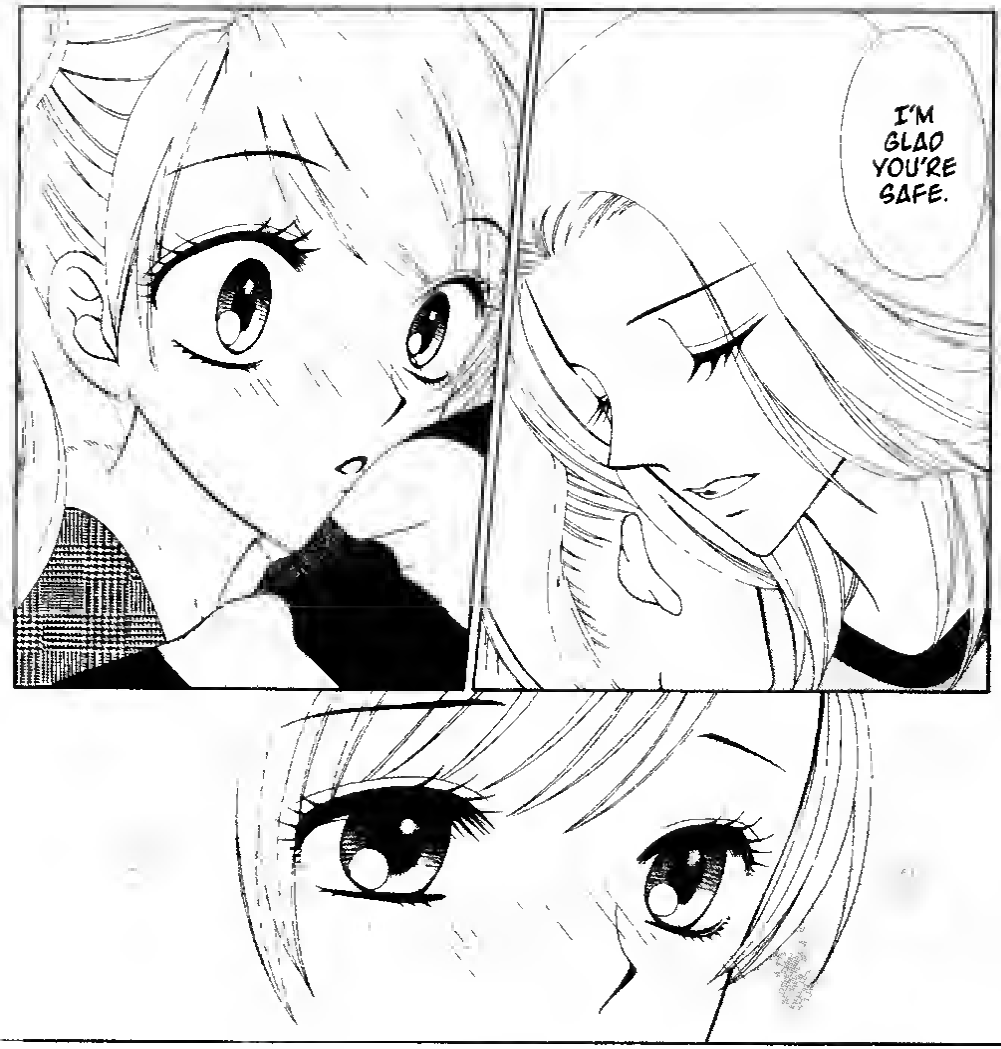

I GREW UP STRONG...
...BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE FOR US, RIRIKO.
THANK YOU.
IF BY GROW UP STRONG, YOU MEAN "GROW UP STUBBORN AND INFLEXIBLE."
Heh!
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE I TAKE AFTER YOU.
Aaargh!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU LEARNED TO BE A PRUDE, THOUGH. NOT ME!
Sibling relationship.
Heh!
TO BE HONEST, IT WORRIED ME HOW MATURE AND DISTANCED FROM OTHERS YOU WERE.
HA HA.
SAY WHAT?!

I'M LUCKY TO HAVE MET GOOD PEOPLE.
THEY'RE MY FRIENDS FOR LIFE ...
...MY COL-LEAGUES FOR LIFE...
...AND ON TOP OF THAT...
"ARISAKA-SAN."


...THERE'S A SPECIAL SOMEONE I WANT TO BE WITH FOREVER.
YUKARI, YOU'VE CHANGED.
Bwa ha ha!
I WONDER JUST WHO YOU WERE IMAGINING AFTER THE, "AND ON TOP OF THAT..."
YOU ALREADY KNOW, SO DON'T BE SO SMUG!
CAN IT. DON'T PESTER ME.
C'mon, don't be shy
"ARISAKA-SAN!"

Memory rewind
SKREE
ECH
The Meitetsu line? Or bullet train?
BY THE WAY, HOW DID THE TWO OF THEM GO SHOPPING?
She says she loves to drive.
HUH?
RAN-CHAN PROBABLY DROVE THERE.
I commute in my car! ♪
GASP! AGEHA?!
Heh.
TALK ABOUT A DELAYED REACTION.
AGEHA'S LIFE DEPENDS ON US, DAMN IT!
OH DEAR GOD, PLEASE HELP!
RIRIKO, WHAT SHOULD I DO?! WE NEED TO CALL THE POLICE!
What a drag
WHATEVER YOU SAY, MOTHER HEN.
Do you have a GPS?! I have to locate her!

WE'RE BACK!
AGEHA!!
What's going on?
UH...
ARI-SAKA-SAN ...?!
Oh my gosh!
Oh my gosh!


I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.

I'M SORRY ...
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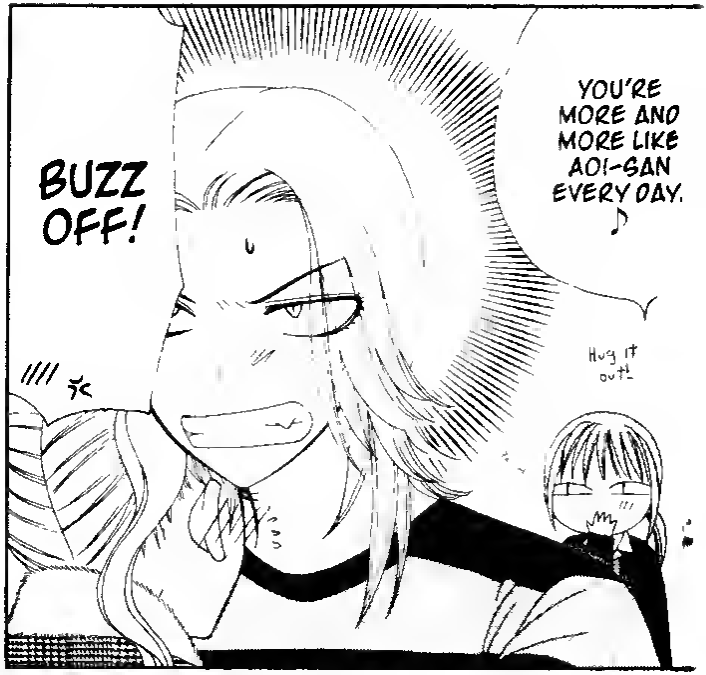
...FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.

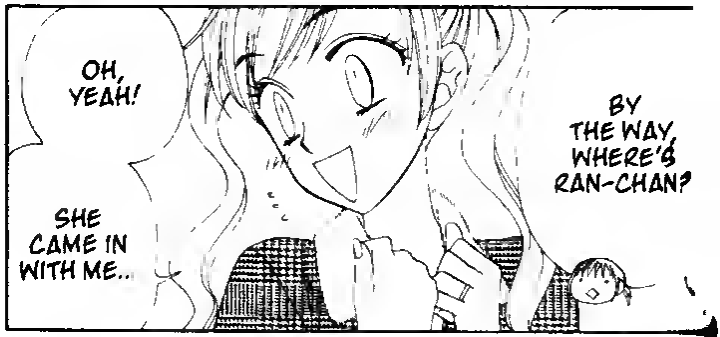
(continued, about the Drama CD) I think it's going to turn out as marvelously fun as last time, so please have a listen!

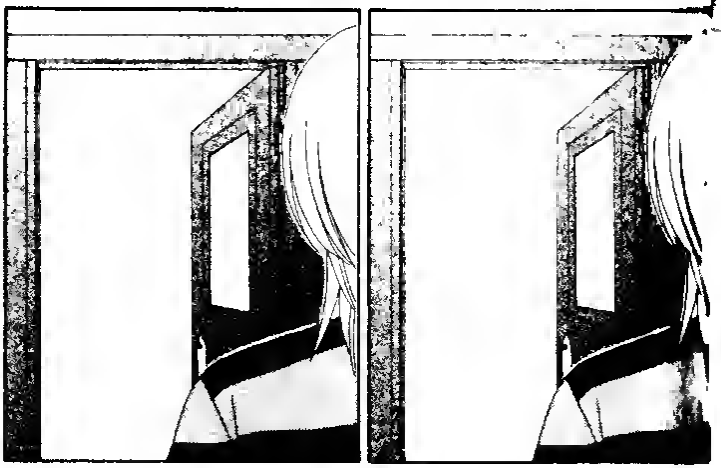
I'm really proud of the CD jacket, too! The first one was white, and this time it's black. I was so excited while drawing it. Plus, the dress and the headdress that Ageha is wearing are from my friend Kaie Tada-san's brand, "Triple Fortune." The real things are pretty darn cute, too.

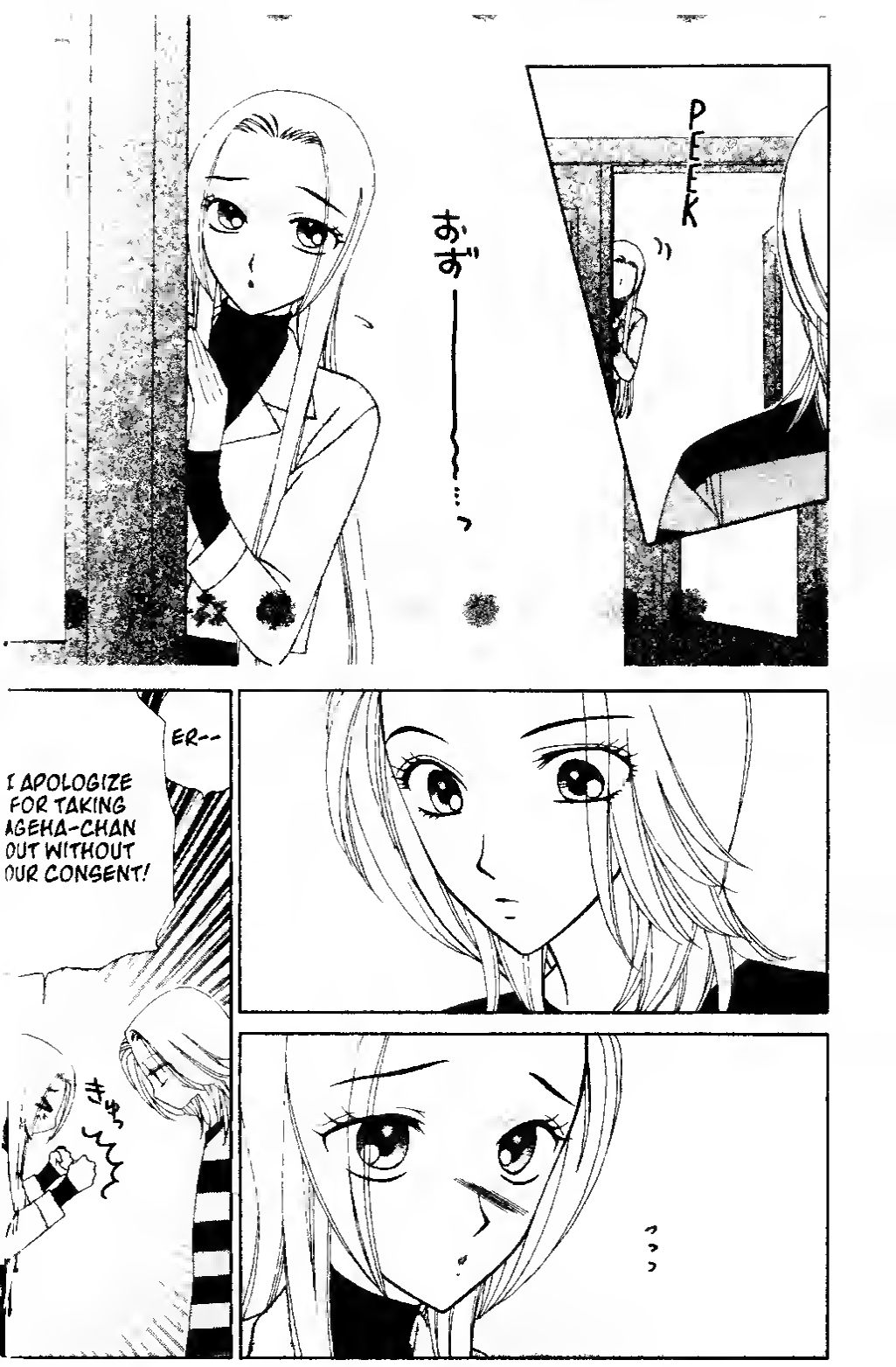
By the way, this is off topic, but starting this year, I have a different editor at Hana to Yume! I hadn't had a new editor in all of the 11 years since I was first published, so I was a little nervous at first. But nothing to worry about, as she's a great person! Hey, Ishihara-san, let's have a ball producing my next series, too!

Back to work!!








PEEK
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ER--
I APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING AGEHA-CHAN OUT WITHOUT OUR CONSENT!
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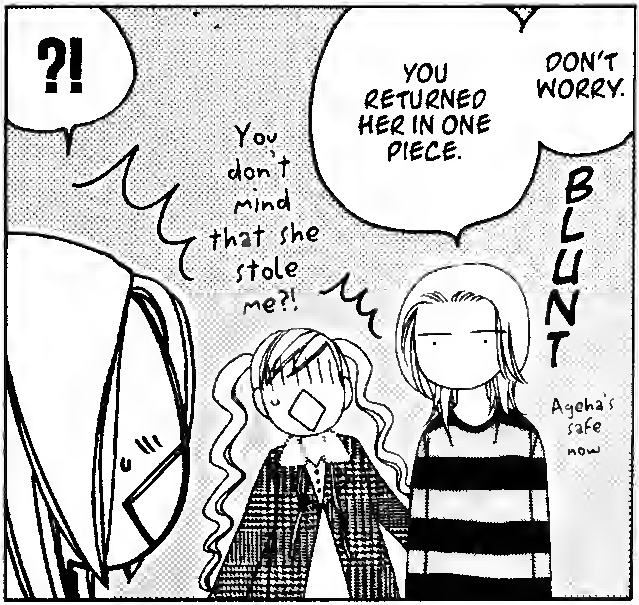
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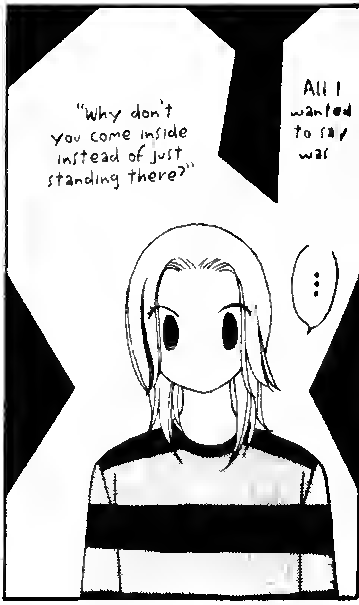
You don't mind that she stole me?!
YOU RETURNED HER IN ONE PIECE.
DON'T WORRY.
BLUNT
Ageha's safe now


"Why don't you come inside instead of just standing there?"
All I wanted to say was
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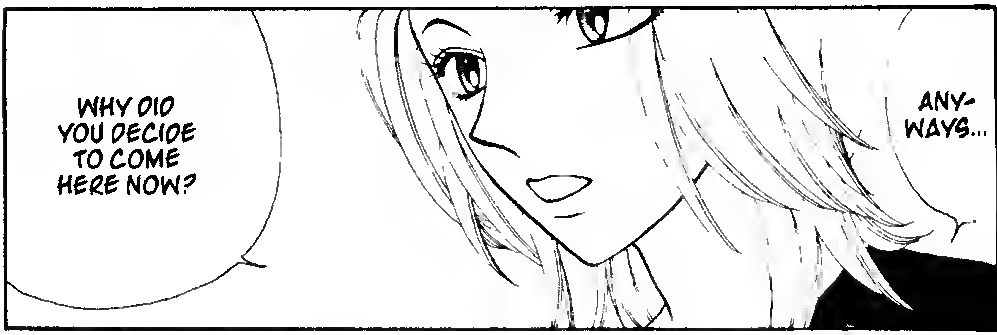
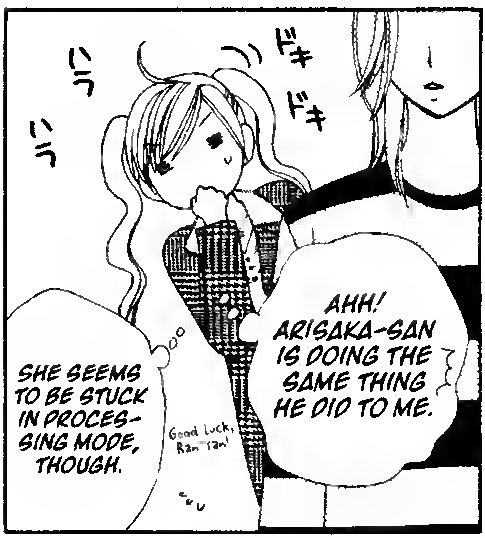

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO COME HERE NOW?
ANY-WAYS...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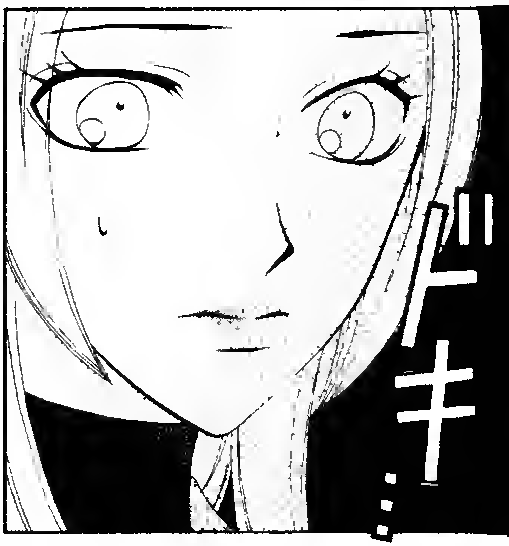
SHE SEEMS TO BE STUCK IN PROCESS-SING MODE, THOUGH.
AHH! ARISAKA-SAN IS DOING THE SAME THING HE DID TO ME.
Good Luck, Ran-san!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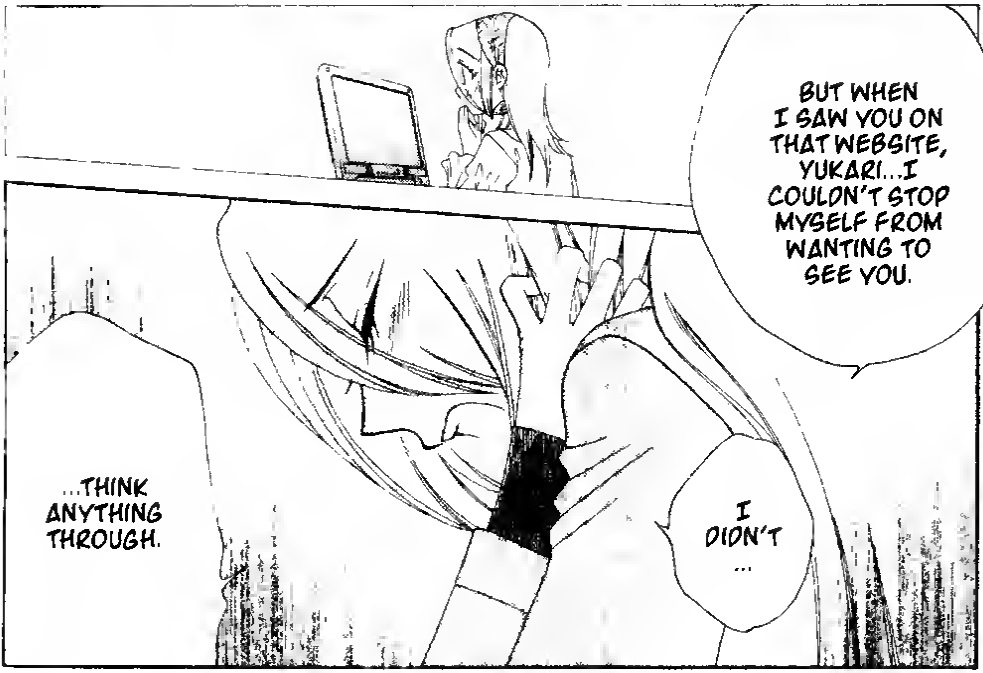
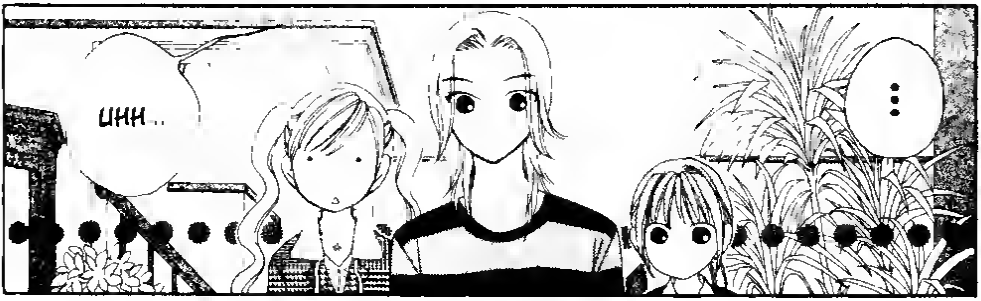
I WANT YOU TO HEAR ME OUT WITHOUT LOSING YOUR TEMPER!
I...
UH...
UM...
WILL YOU LET ME GO VISIT AOI-KUN'S GRAVE?

RIRIKO?
WELL, YOU KNOW...
...I MEAN, SHE SHOULD KNOW THINGS LIKE...
... THAT.
...
...
RIRI-CHAN, THANK YOU FOR THE LETTER.
RIRI-CHAN SENT ME A LETTER ON THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF AOI-KUN'S DEATH.
AT FIRST, I HAD NO INTENTION OF COMING.
BECAUSE, TO ME, AOI-KUN WAS STILL ALIVE.

...BECAUSE THIS WALL ...
...IS TOO HIGH FOR ME.
I KNOW I'M NOT IN ANY POSITION TO COME HERE...


...THINK ANYTHING THROUGH.
I DIDN'T ...
BUT WHEN I SAW YOU ON THAT WEBSITE, YUKARI...I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF FROM WANTING TO SEE YOU.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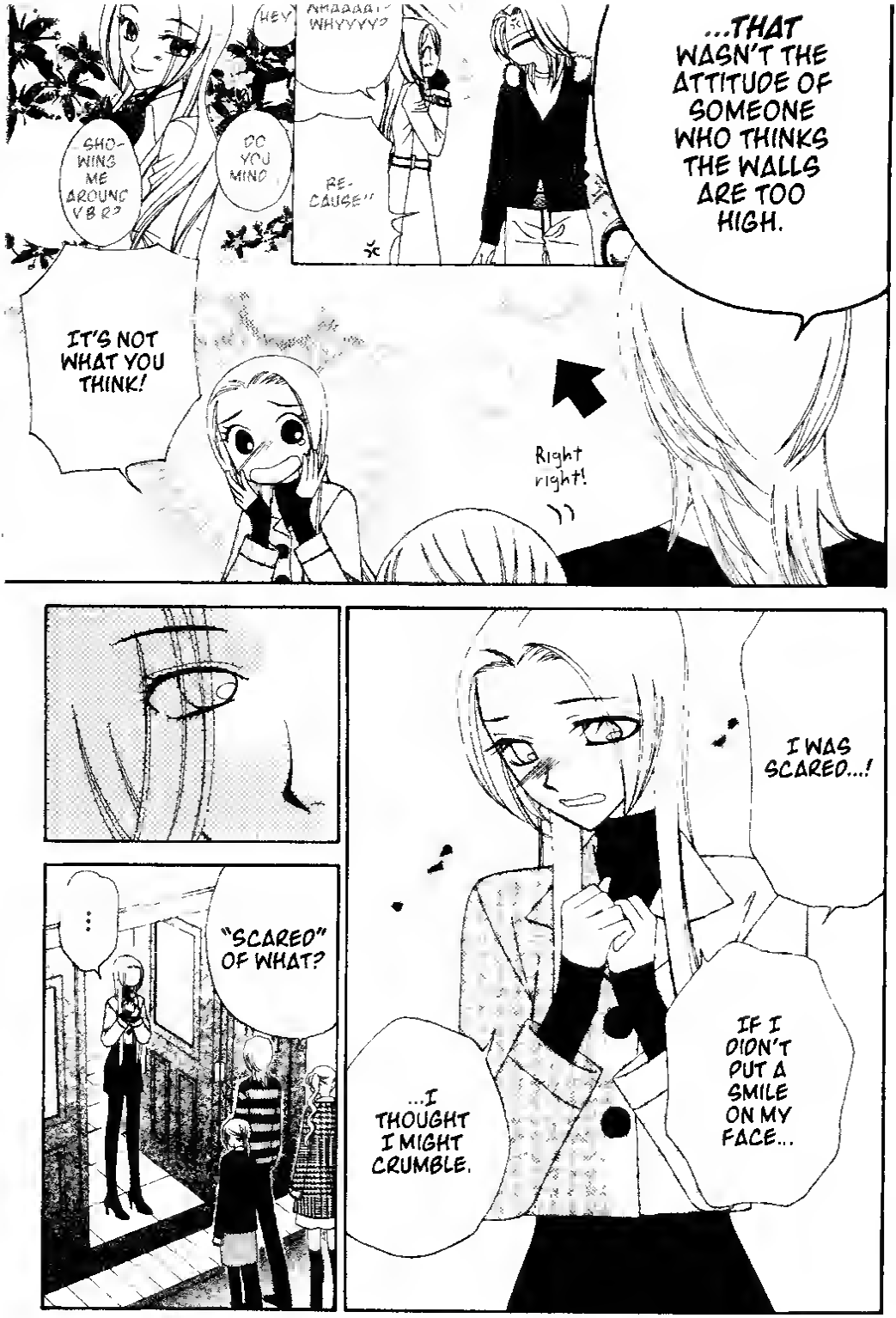
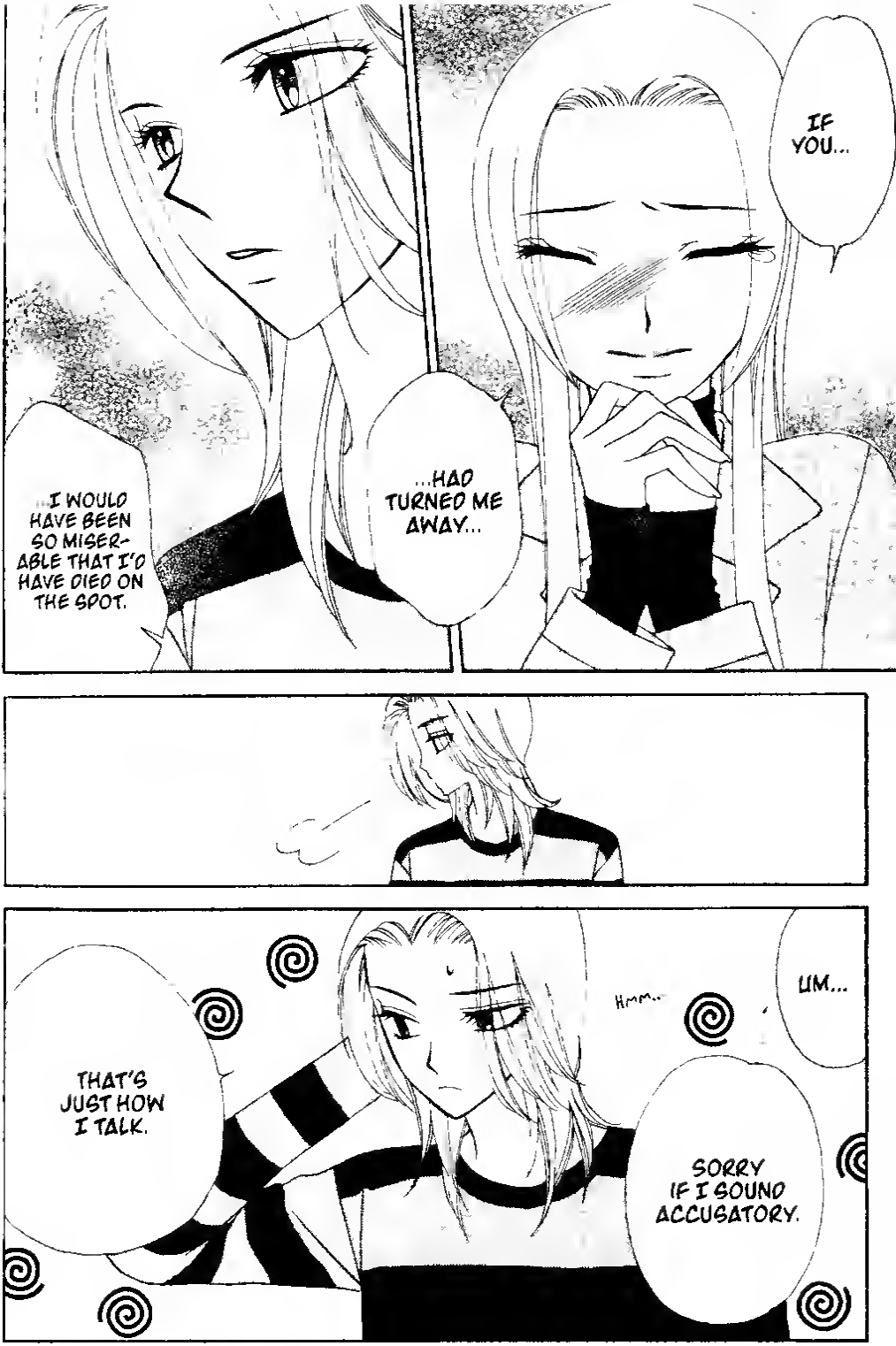
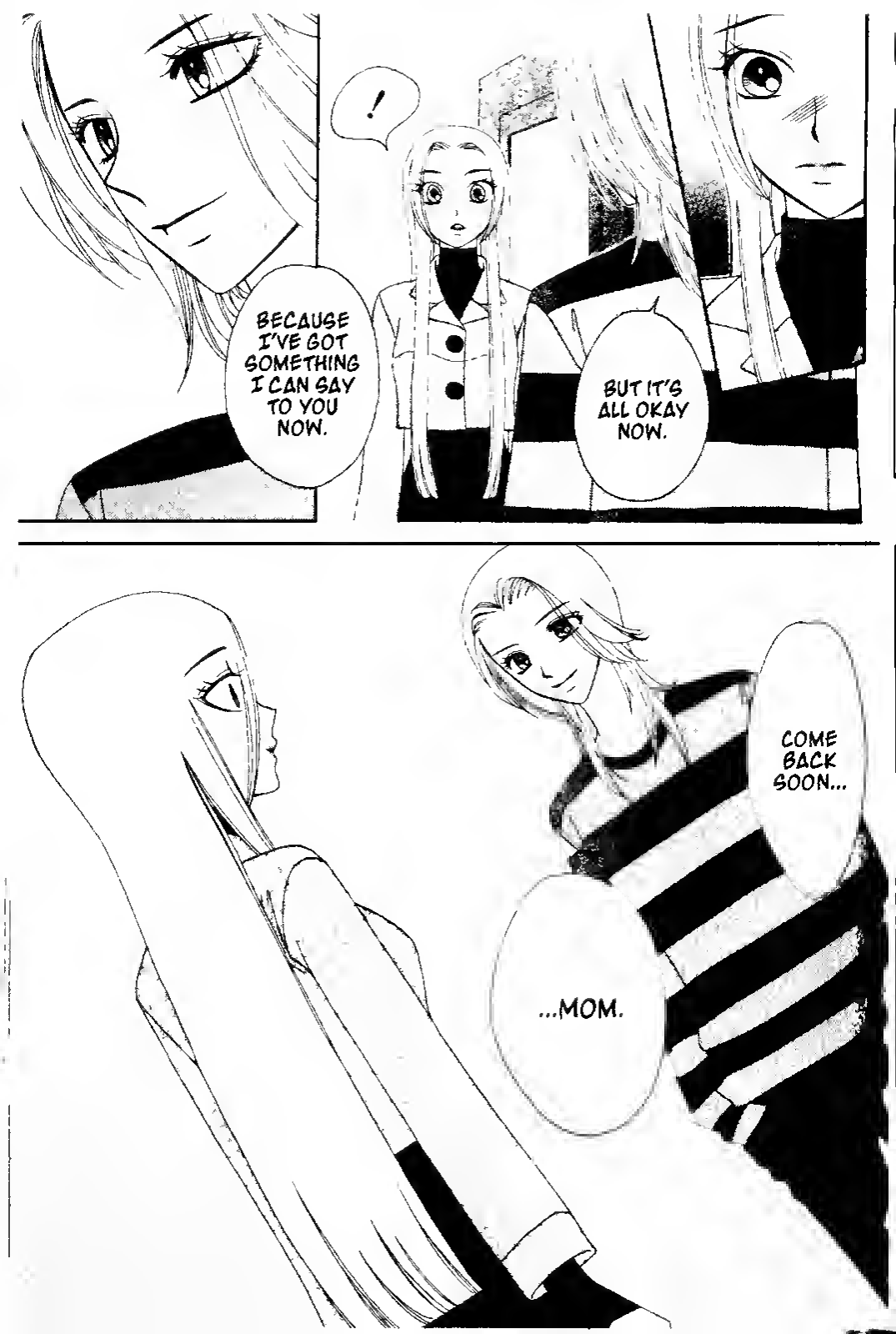

...THAT WASN'T THE ATTITUDE OF SOMEONE WHO THINKS THE WALLS ARE TOO HIGH.
Right right!
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!
HEY
SHOWING ME AROUND YOU?
DO YOU MIND
AHAAAA!
WHYYYY?
BECAUSE"
I WAS SCARED...!
IF I DIDN'T PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE...
...I THOUGHT I MIGHT CRUMBLE.
"SCARED" OF WHAT?
...


IF YOU...
...HAD TURNED ME AWAY...
...I WOULD HAVE BEEN SO MISERABLE THAT I'D HAVE DIED ON THE SPOT.
UM...
Hmm...
SORRY IF I SOUND ACCUSATORY.
THAT'S JUST HOW I TALK.

I DON'T THINK ...
...YOU NEED A REASON.
YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME BACK ANYTIME YOU LIKE.

...AS A LITTLE KID, I MEAN...
BACK THEN...
There aren't a whole lot of rooms to begin with
ON SECOND THOUGHT
...WE ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE ANY OPEN ROOMS, BUT...
"DON'T GO..."
...IT HURT THAT I COULDN'T SAY WHAT I WANTED.
I GOT PRETTY BITTER ABOUT IT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE THINGS YOU DID.
IN A LOT OF WAYS, I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND.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BECAUSE I'VE GOT SOMETHING I CAN SAY TO YOU NOW.
BUT IT'S ALL OKAY NOW.
COME BACK SOON...
...MOM.

BUT NEXT TIME...
...DON'T SKIP OUT ON WORK.
YOU SHOULD FEEL LIKE YOU CAN COME HOME WHENEVER YOU WANT, OKAY?

HE CALLED ME "MOM"...

...I'LL BE BACK SOON.
OKAY...

IT WAS LIKE...
MHM.
...SEEING SNOW MELT...
...AFTER A LONG WINTER.
SPRING FINALLY ARRIVED.

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WHEW THAT WEEK WENT BY FAST! ANYWAY, ENJOY THE CHAPTER! D'AWWW IT'S SO CUTE <3

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...RAN-SAN RETURNED TO TOKYO WITH A SMILE...
THE NEXT DAY, AFTER SHE VISITED ARISAKA-SAN'S FATHER'S GRAVE...
...BOUNCING OUT A LIVELY, "SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!"

...MADE ME WARM AND TINGLY INSIDE.
THINKING ABOUT HOW...
...SHE'D GREET ME WITH THAT SAME SMILE NEXT TIME...
RAN-SAN WAS ONLY HERE...
...A FEW DAYS...
...BUT HER BUBBLY PERSONALITY LEFT A MARK!
And we spent a very meaningful day together, too

Hee hee
IN THE END...
...I'M MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE JOY SHE BROUGHT.
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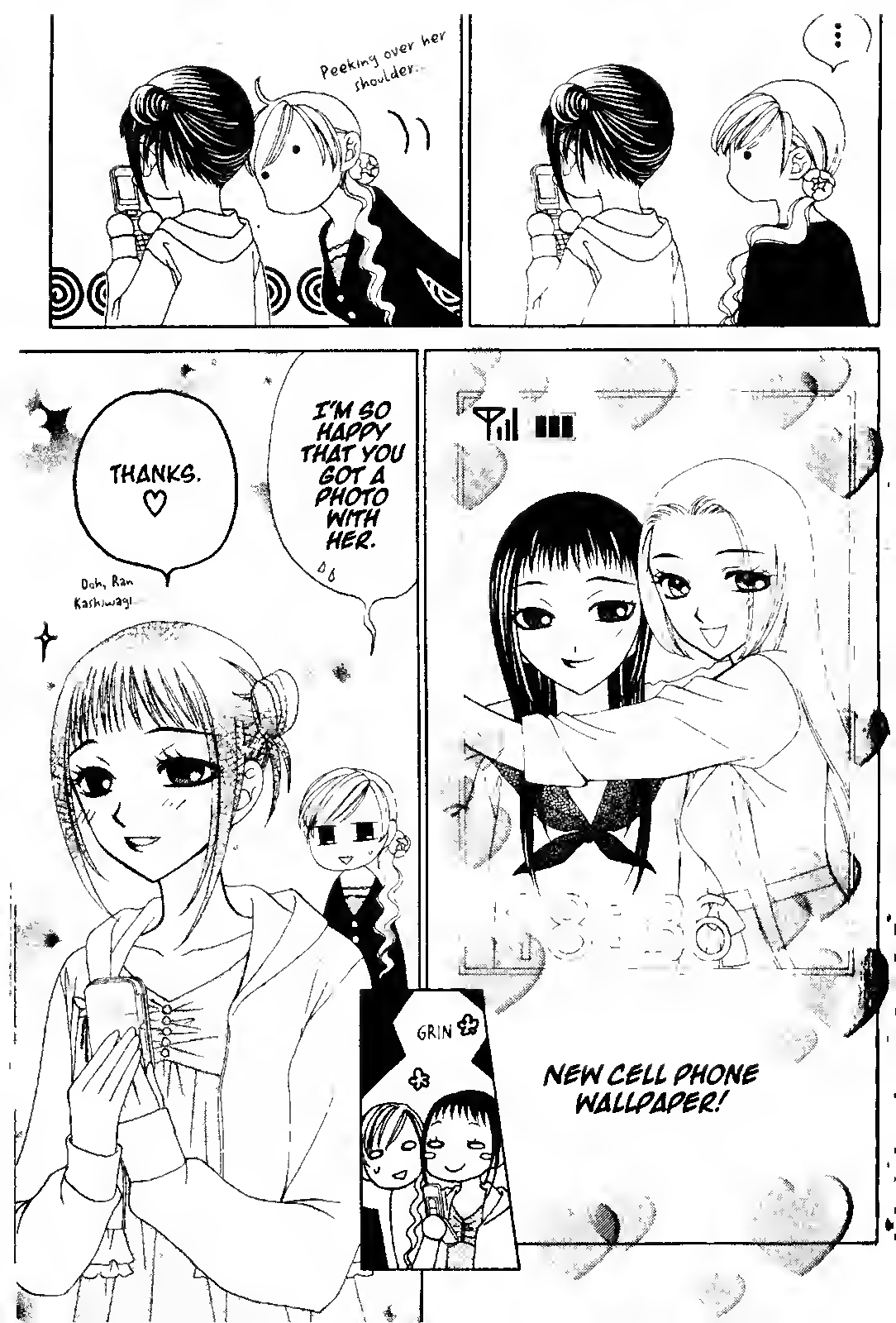
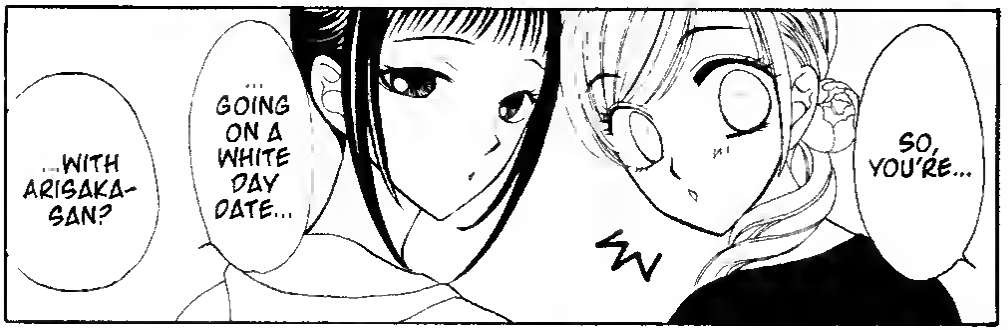
STARE
EARTH TO MAMORU-CHAN.
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?


Peeking over her shoulder...
I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU GOT A PHOTO WITH HER.
THANKS. ♡
Duh, Ran Kashiwagi
GRIN
NEW CELL PHONE WALLPAPER!

I'M GLAD YOU SUCCESSFULLY PICKED OUT A WHITE DAY PRESENT.
YEAH! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING WITH ME. ♡
I JUST CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND WHEN I'M ALONE.
present!!!
Normally on White Day, the guy gives the girl a thank-you gift for her Valentine's Day chocolates. But Ageha didn't give Arisaka a V day present!


...WITH ARISAKA-SAN?
...GOING ON A WHITE DAY DATE...
SO, YOU'RE...

I'M JUST RUNNING OVER TO WORK BRIEFLY..
WE'RE NOT GOING ON A DATE.
DON'T SAY THAT, NAT-CHAN.
SIGH
...SO I CAN GIVE HIM HIS WHITE DAY PRESENT!
She's so transparent
It's mid-March
Hello, everyone. It's Nagare. Long time no see... As you can tell, I'm already in my creepy mode. I'm letting you see this side of me, but Ageha-chan shall never know...

But who am I kidding, it's not like I can deny that
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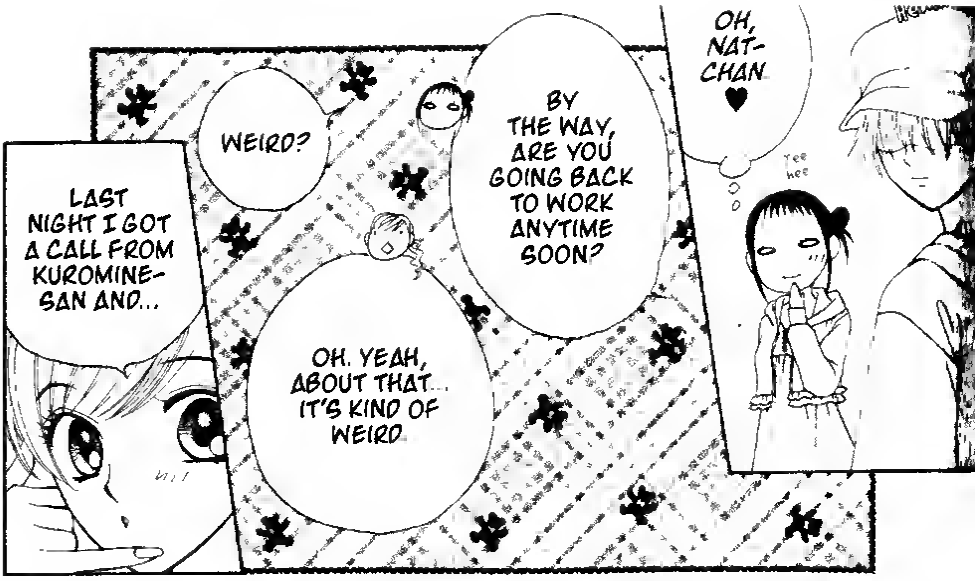
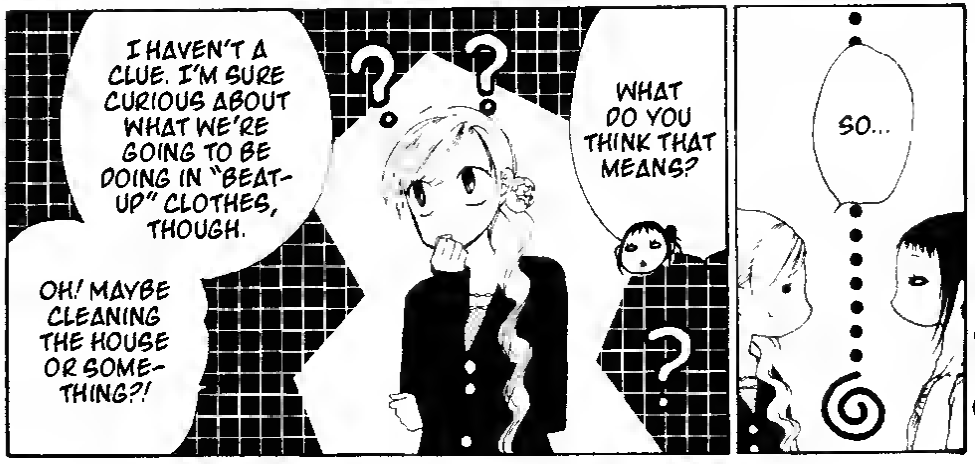
YOU GUYS!
////
DETAILS AREN'T IMPORTANT, THE BIG PICTURE IS THAT YOU GUYS ARE LOVEY-DOVEY.
AWWW!
////
Heh heh
N: THANKS TO HIM ...?
M: TRY "THANKS TO HIM" NOT "TO BLAME."
N: AND ARISAKA-SAN'S TO BLAME, ISN'T HE?
M: SHE SURE IS.
N: AGEHA-CHAN IS SO CUTE...
...
I SEE HOW IT IS.

Received.
Makin' copies!
Makin' copies!
AGHHH!!
NOOO!
IT'S BACK!
I THOUGHT IT WAS GONE, BUT I JUST FELT IT AGAIN!
YUKARI-KUN?!
Yaaaahh!!
I'M GOING CRAZY!
YUKARI-KUN, CALM DOWN!
AGHH!


LAST NIGHT I GOT A CALL FROM KUROMINE-SAN AND...
WEIRD?
OH. YEAH, ABOUT THAT... IT'S KIND OF WEIRD.
BY THE WAY, ARE YOU GOING BACK TO WORK ANYTIME SOON?
OH, NAT-CHAN ♥
Yee hee

AGEHA-CHAN, NEXT TIME YOU COME INTO WORK...
...PLEASE WEAR BEAT-UP CLOTHES. ♪
Hee hee.
AND ARRIVE AT 9 A.M. SHARP. ♡


I HAVEN'T A CLUE. I'M SURE CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING IN "BEAT-UP" CLOTHES, THOUGH.
OH! MAYBE CLEANING THE HOUSE OR SOME-THING?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT MEANS?
SO...

I'M GOING TO HAUNT THEM TO THEIR GRAVES IF THEY OVERWORK HER...
WHAT-EVER, I'LL JUST WEAR SOMETHING CASUAL.
Kuromine-san sounded excited about it.
— 9 A.M. —
Oh, she's here
GOOD MORN-ING!
GOOD MORNING, AGEHA-CHAN.

M-MAKI-SAN? AND KAZUHA-SAN?!
Nice to see you again
Wow, Kazuha san! I haven't seen you in forever! !!!
OKAY, PRINCESS. GO CHANGE INTO THIS. ♪
WHAT?!
"Q" CAME OUT WITH A NEW DRESS, SO I THOUGHT I'D HAVE YOU TRY IT ON.
It's a great dress ♪
WHAAAT?!
I'M GOING TO BE YOUR HAIR AND MAKE UP ARTIST TODAY. ♪
Hee hee ♥
WHAAAT?!
HURRY UP AND CHANGE.
OKAY ...

OH, AGEHA. YOU'RE HERE ALREADY.
DID THEY SURPRISE YOU, AGEHA-CHAN?
ARISAKA-SAN! KUROMINE-SAN!
パタン
WHAT ...?
BADUM BADUM
TREMBLE TREMBLE
IT SURE IS!
IT'S SO FUN DOLLING GIRLS UP! ♪
What a treat! ♥
Ha ha!
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This is the last author's note. Thank you so much for reading thus far.

Thank you so much to those of you who have helped me, who have taken care of me, and to those who are reading this book.

How did you like Volume 10? Daddy Aoi and Mommy Ran both have light-colored hair so it was almost too easy drawing them. Having light-colored hair on characters actually shaves about a day off the production schedule! It's not like I resent coloring in dark hair, but my hand does get tired and it takes a while to do it. I'm already nervous about an episode in the future starring Mitsu and Tsuyu. But it's an episode that I really want to do, so I hope you'll enjoy reading it as much as I look forward to drawing it! ♪

In Volume 11, I'll go into more detail on how Yukari and Mitsu met. I'll have a few additional things to say about it, too.

I would love it if you all would send me letters concerning what you thought about Volume 10!

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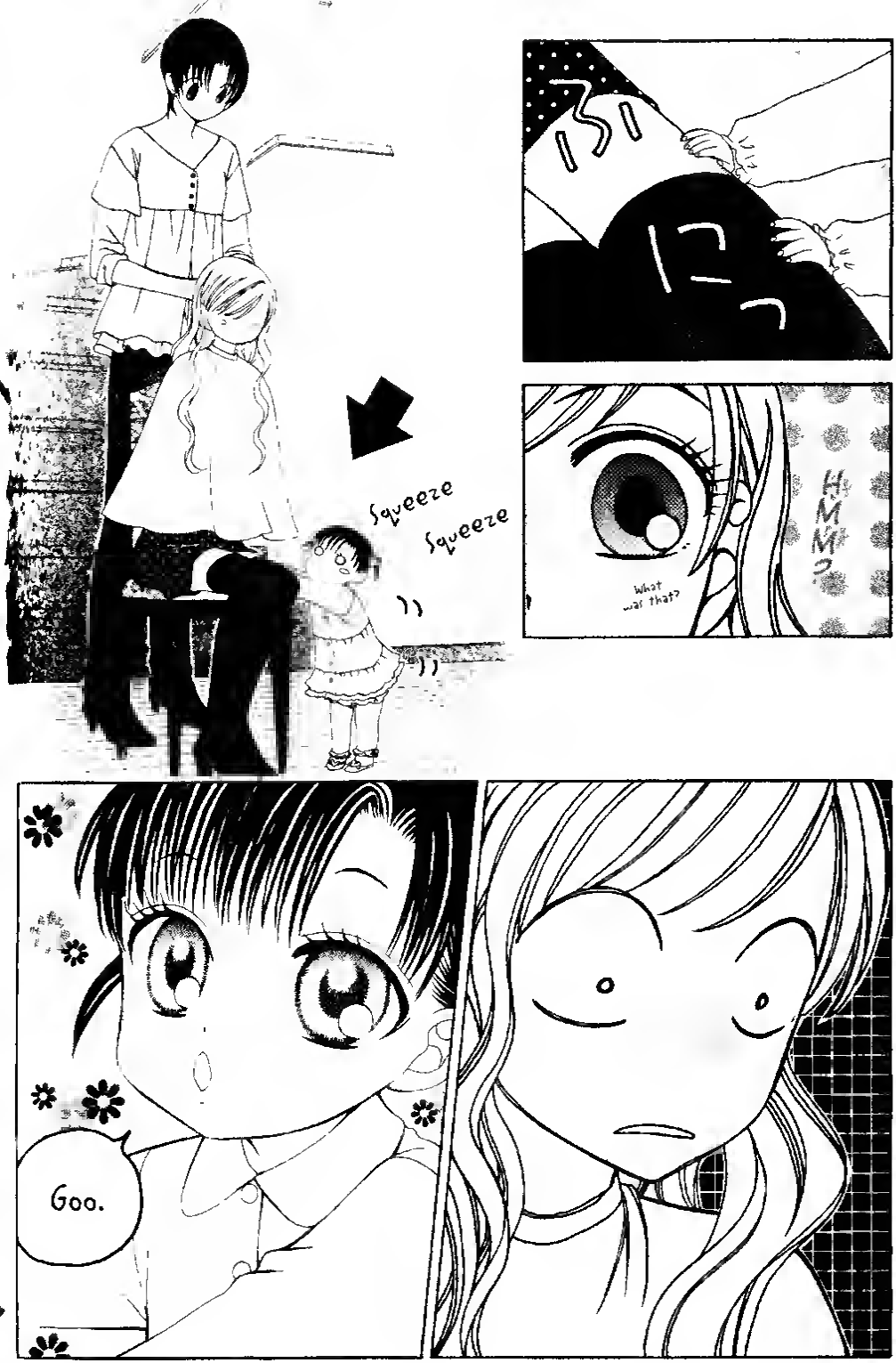
I'll be waiting!

HA HA.
IS THAT WEIRD? TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
UM...
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO DO MY HAIR AND STUFF?
I always practice on my sisters and brothers
...I'M ON MATERNITY LEAVE RIGHT NOW.
I'M THE ONE WHO'S GRATEFUL...
...FOR YOU VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME FOR THIS.
THA...
THANK YOU.
BLUSH
YAY! YAY!
THIS IS SO COOL! ♪


Squeeze
Squeeze
HMM?
What was that?
Goo.

Maa...
Maa...
BLACK HAIR AND BLUE EYES?!
That's unbelievably adorable!!!!
Maa...
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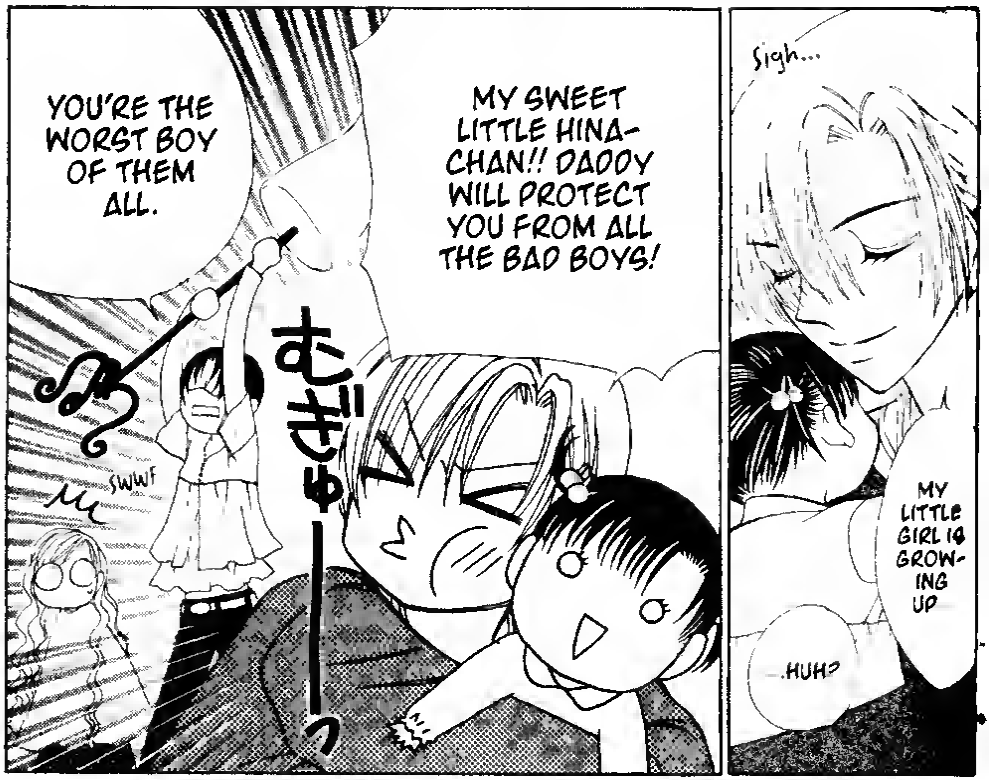
!!!
HINA, GO BACK TO DADDY, OKAY?
Maa!
CLAP CLAP
HA HA HA. NICE CATCH, AGEHA-CHAN.
GRAB
がしっ!!!

NONE OTHER THAN OUR LOVELY LITTLE GIRL. SHE TAKES AFTER ME, DOESN'T SHE? ♪♡
Da
Da
Da
SHE'S ALL YOURS, SUGIMOTO.
GOT IT.
Daa...
...
"HINA-CHAN"? IS SHE YOUR DAUGHTER?
Whoooa!
SHE'S LIKE A MINI VERSION! SHE'S SO CUTE!
ALTHOUGH I HOPE SHE DOESN'T GET SUGIMOTO'S TEMPERA-MENT.
I CAN HEAR YOU, KAZUHA-CHAN!
WHISPER
...upposed to mean?
What is that
HER BLUE EYES ARE SO PRETTY!
NO SURPRISE WHERE SHE GOT THE BLACK HAIR FROM.
YEAH, SUGIMOTO'S MOTHER HAS BLUE EYES...
She does take after his side!
Sugimoto's mother is half-French

A COUPLE OF MONTHS REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE WITH INFANTS!
HEY, THAT MAKES HER CLOSE TO THE SAME AGE AS MY NIECE, MADOKA-CHAN!
IT SURE DOES.
Ha ha ha.
Madoka-chan, born in October, currently 5 months old
Still crawling
SO, SHE CAN ALREADY ALMOST STAND BY HERSELF.
And she can even kinda talk!!!
YEP. SHE'LL BE A YEAR OLD IN APRIL.
So she's just over 11 months now.
SHUT UP, YOU DORK!
YOU'RE BEING MEAN!
SQUABBLE
SQUABBLE
I'VE MISSED THIS...
Domestic comedy


YOU'RE THE WORST BOY OF THEM ALL.
MY SWEET LITTLE HINA-CHAN!! DADDY WILL PROTECT YOU FROM ALL THE BAD BOYS!
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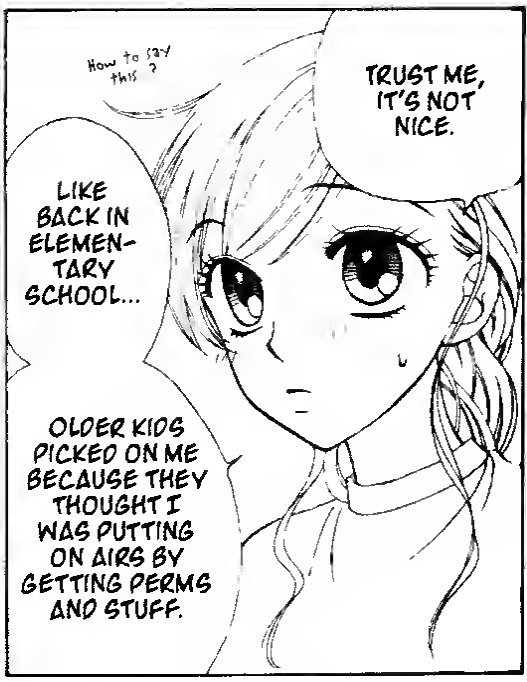
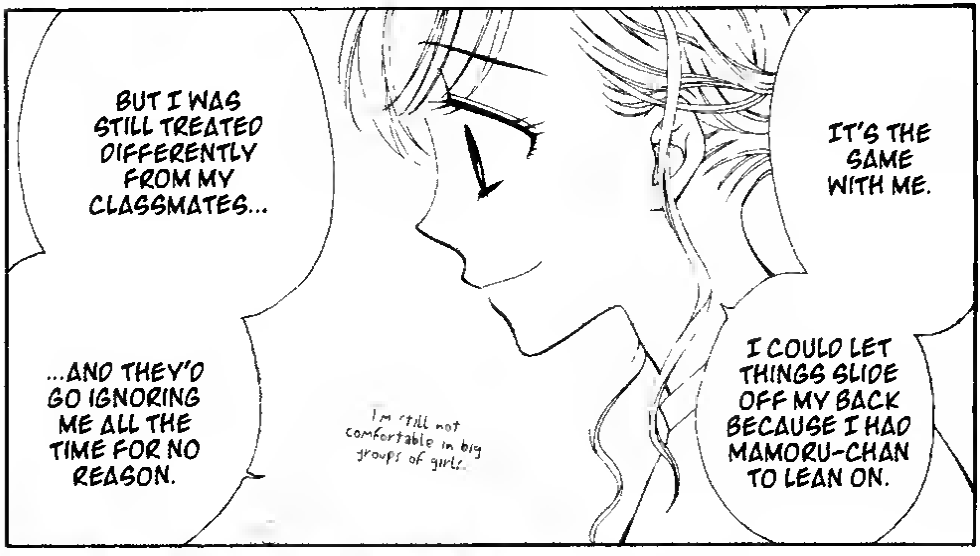
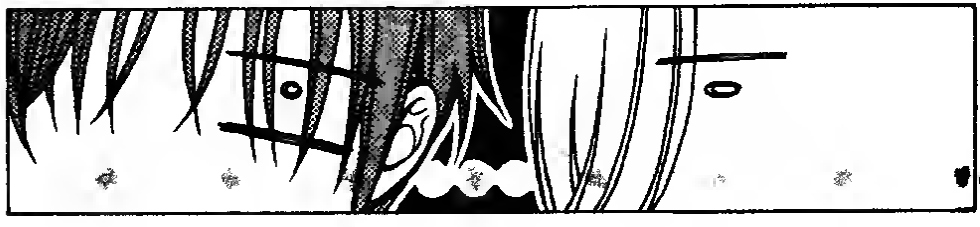
Sigh...
MY LITTLE GIRL IS GROWING UP
HUH?

HE'LL LEAVE SOON--HE HAS TO GO LOOK AFTER THE STORE.
Ha ha.
Pat
OKAY! LET'S GO FOR A MATURE LOOK WITH AN UP-DO.
UM...WHAT ABOUT MAKI-SAN...?
So it seems.
Our roles in this episode are negligible
HMM?
OH. NOPE, MY HAIR'S JUST NATURALLY WAVY.
Curls upon curls
AGEHA-CHAN, DID YOU PERM YOUR HAIR?
OH WOW, THAT'S SO NICE!
YUKARI, CAN YOU LOOK AFTER HINA?
Oh, that's me
Good with kids, thanks to Sakura
Whee!
Whee!
She's super cute!
AYE AYE, SIR.
LIKE A SACK OF POTATOES

I HAD IT OUT WITH THOSE BULLIES, IF I REMEMBER RIGHT! HA.
MY BEST FRIEND GOT THAT KIND OF TREATMENT JUST BECAUSE SHE HAD BROWN HAIR.
OOH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
What a good friend you were!
It just sucks when that happens
Ha ha ha
REAL FRIENDS LIKE THAT ARE THE BEST.


How to say this ?
TRUST ME, IT'S NOT NICE.
LIKE BACK IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
OLDER KIDS PICKED ON ME BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I WAS PUTTING ON AIRS BY GETTING PERMS AND STUFF.


BUT I WAS STILL TREATED DIFFERENTLY FROM MY CLASSMATES...
...AND THEY'D GO IGNORING ME ALL THE TIME FOR NO REASON.
I'm still not comfortable in big groups of girls.
IT'S THE SAME WITH ME.
I COULD LET THINGS SLIDE OFF MY BACK BECAUSE I HAD MAMORU-CHAN TO LEAN ON.



SO I'M REALLY LUCKY THAT IN HIGH SCHOOL I'VE GOT SOME GREAT CLASSMATES. ♡
But Mamoru-chan is still my best friend and closest confidant !!!!
AGEHA...I NEVER KNEW YOU WENT THROUGH SO MUCH AT SCHOOL!
I thought you'd always been oblivious to the world around you...
Incorrect assumption
YUKARI! DO YOU HAVE SOME PRETTY COTTON LACE ABOUT 5CM WIDE?!
I'll buy one meter! Sure!
WE'LL PREP THAT FOR YOU ASAP!
I'M ON THE CASE!
I'M GOING TO GO ALL OUT TODAY, OKAY?!
PASSION
TH... THANK YOU?
AGEHA-CHAN!
YES?!

YEP!
YOU LOOK GREAT! ♪
A job well done!
I LOVE HOW CASUAL THIS HAIRSTYLE IS! LIKE I JUST PUT IT UP...
"Q" MAKES SOME REALLY CUTE CLOTHES.
I'M A FAN OF THE KNEE-HIGH STOCKINGS.
I'm in love with this lace ribbon! I'm so happy!

STARE
STARE
Is something wrong?
Huh?
Huh?
STARE
Repeat
OKAY, YOU TWO! JUST GO ON A DATE OR SOMETHING ALREADY!

WH-WHAT ABOUT WORK--?
JUST WORK TWICE AS FAST WHEN YOU COME BACK
I--
SCRAM, YUKARI.
A-ARISAKA-SAN?!
RIGHT! I'M TAKING OFF NOW.
See you later!
¡Adiós!
THANKS, AGEHA-CHAN. SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
OH, UM, OKAY!
THE RAPA BLOSSOMS ALONG THE SANA RIVER ARE IN SEASON RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
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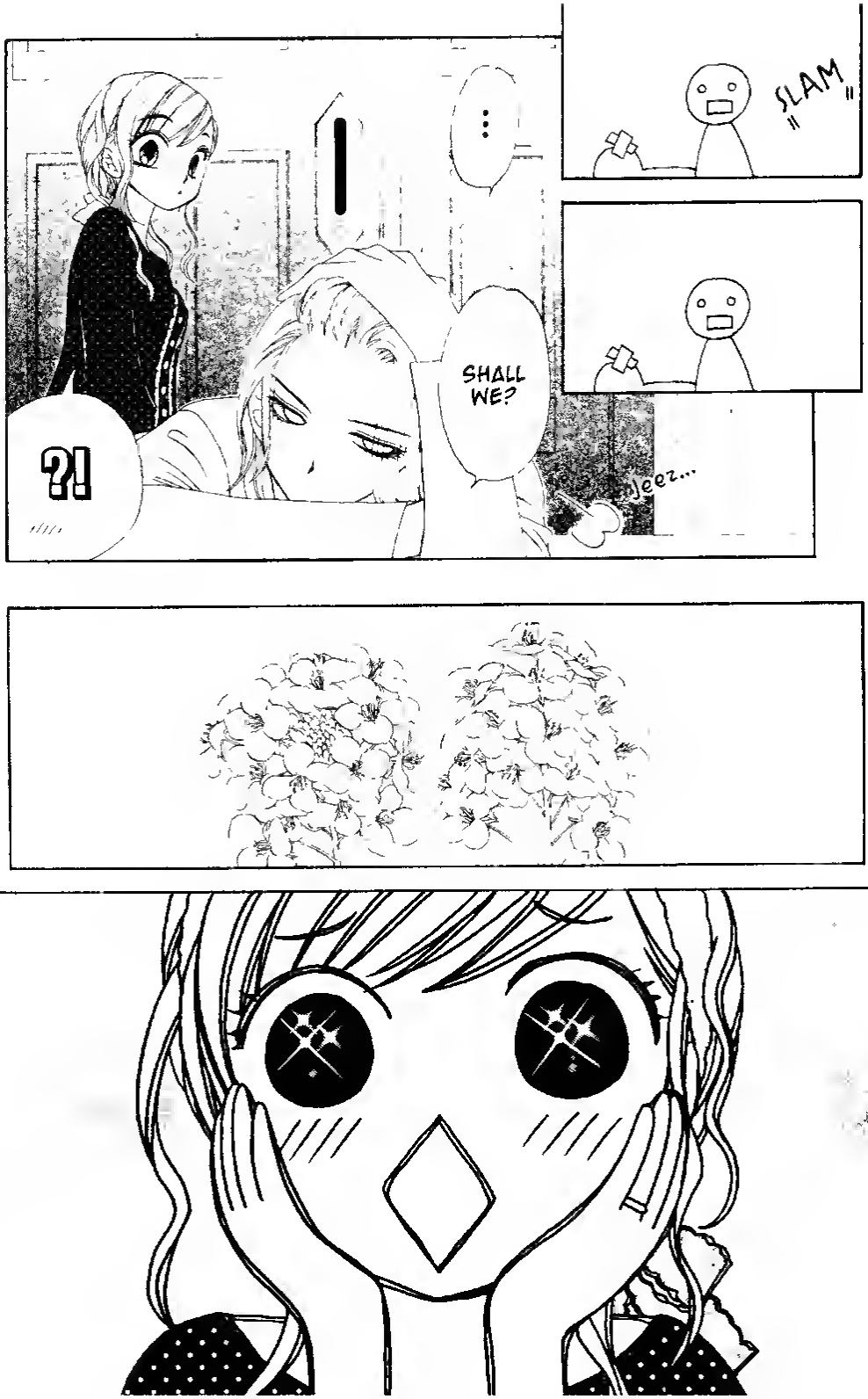
SLAM
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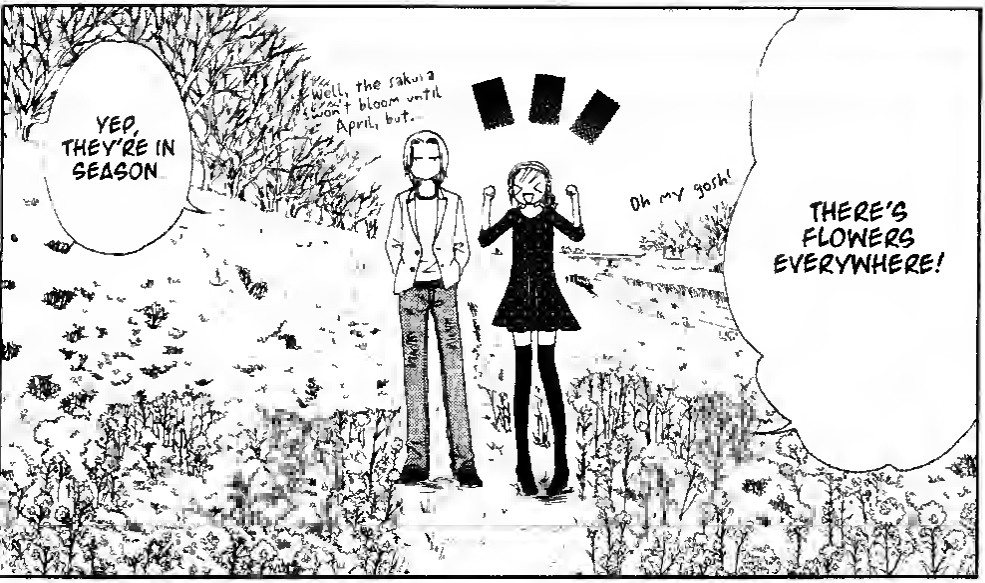
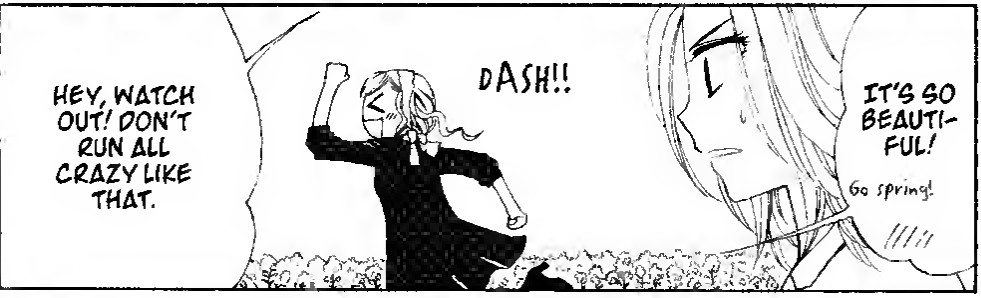
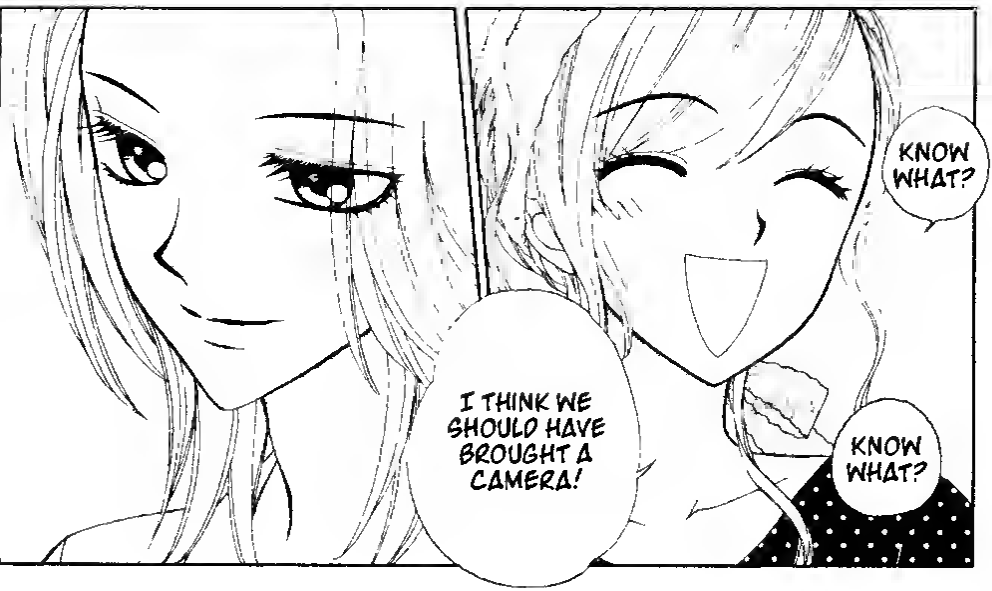
...
SHALL WE?
?!
Jeez...


YEP, THEY'RE IN SEASON
Well, the sakura won't bloom until April, but.
Oh my gosh!
THERE'S FLOWERS EVERYWHERE!


HEY, WATCH OUT! DON'T RUN ALL CRAZY LIKE THAT.
DASH!!
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL!
Go spring!


KNOW WHAT?
I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT A CAMERA!
KNOW WHAT?

OF COURSE! BECAUSE I'M WITH YOU!
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU ALWAYS LOOK SO HAPPY.
Ha...
WHAT IS IT?

...ABOUT RAN-SAN..
OH! HEY, HEY...
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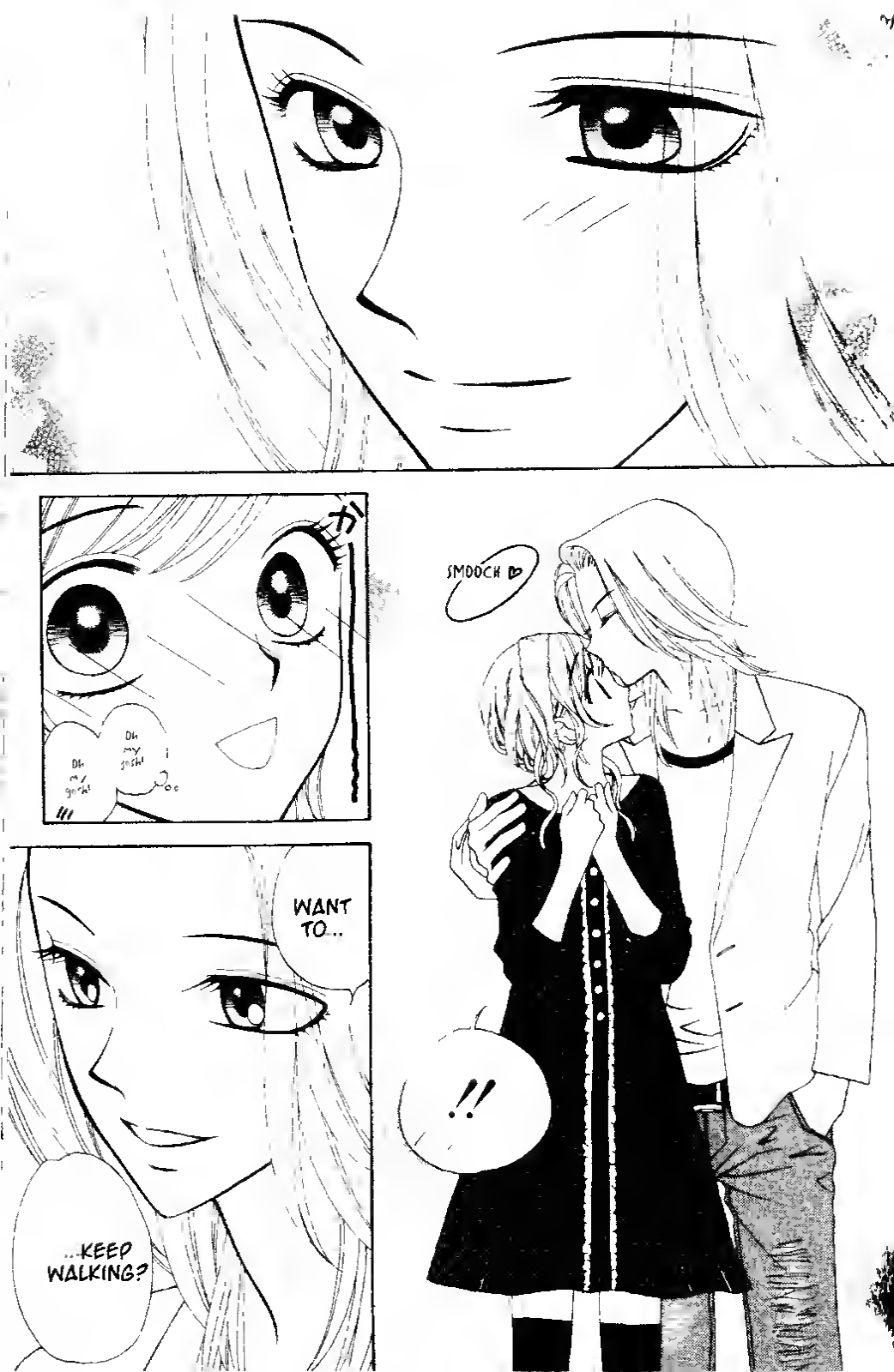
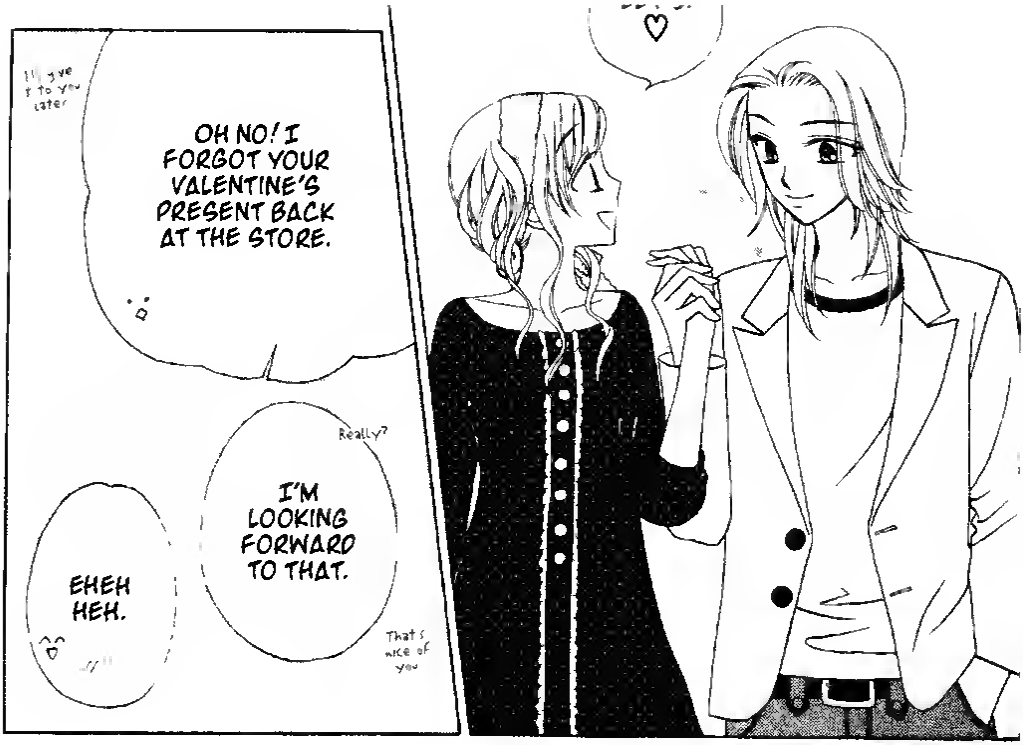
EEP!
SHE'S JUST SO CUTE.
Man
I'M SO GLAD...
...THAT YOU WORKED THINGS OUT.


Oh my gosh!
Oh my gosh!
WANT TO..
..KEEP WALKING?
SMOOCH
!!


I'll give it to you later
OH NO! I FORGOT YOUR VALENTINE'S PRESENT BACK AT THE STORE.
Really?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.
That's nice of you
EHEH HEH.

IT'S SIMPLY...
...A WARM, SUNNY SPRING DAY.
YOU KNOW...
...SOMETIMES DAYS LIKE THESE ARE THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD.

B. Rose to End

Kat Scans

WHEEEEE! HERE'S ANOTHER CHAPTER! WAHAHA
HAPPY READING!

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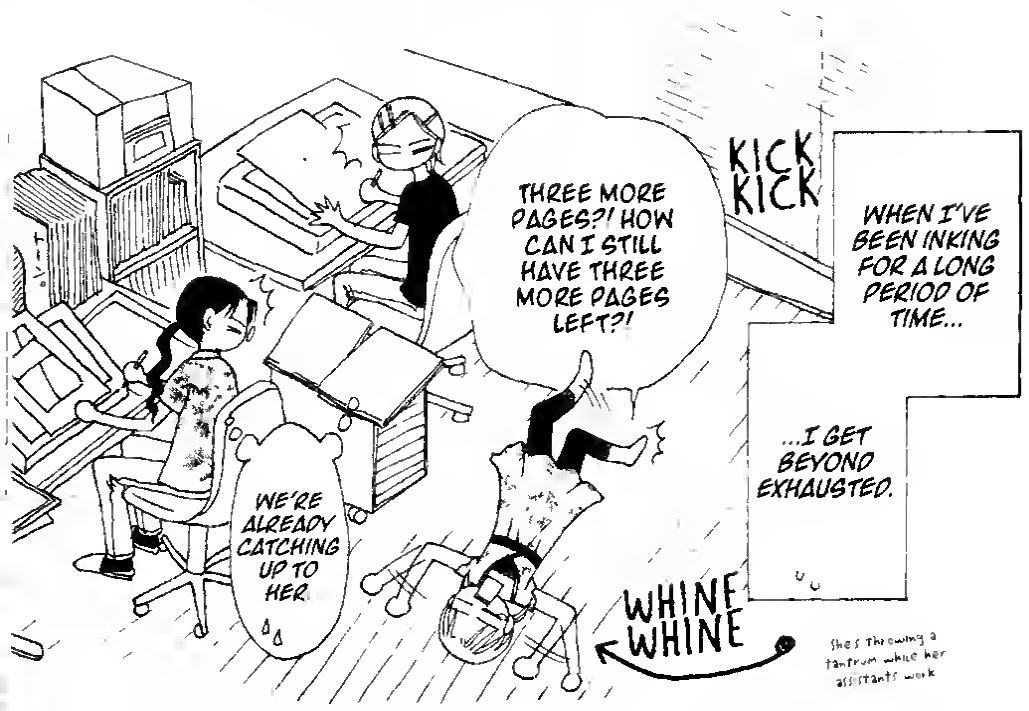
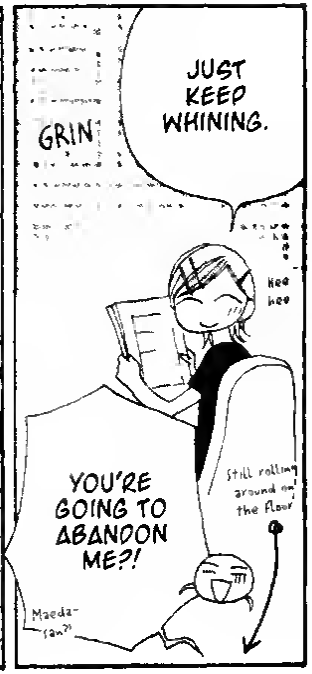
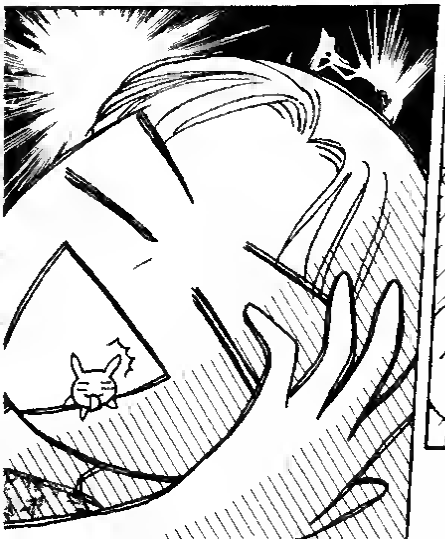
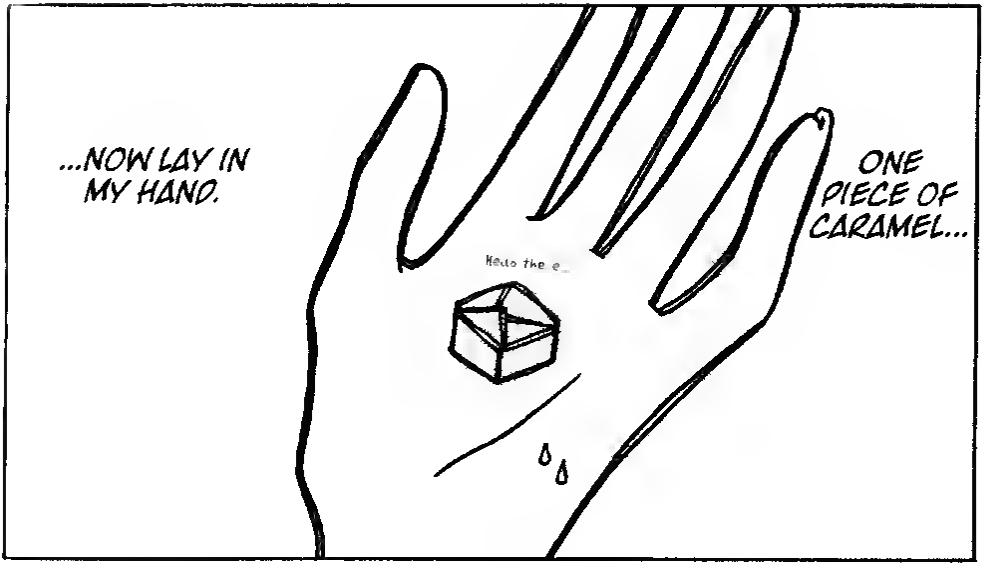

THREE MORE PAGES?! HOW CAN I STILL HAVE THREE MORE PAGES LEFT?!
KICK KICK
WHEN I'VE BEEN INKING FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME...
...I GET BEYOND EXHAUSTED.
WE'RE ALREADY CATCHING UP TO HER.
WHINE WHINE
She's throwing a tantrum while her assistants work

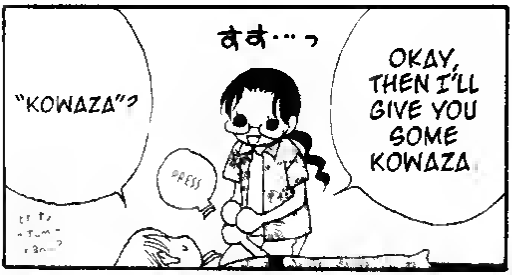
SHE GAVE ME SOMETHING...?

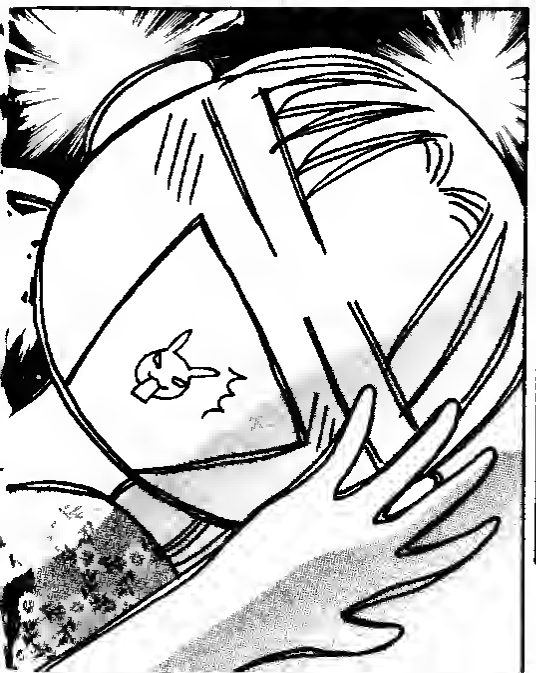
OKAY, FINE.
Here
PRESS


JUST KEEP WHINING.
GRIN
Hee hee
YOU'RE GOING TO ABANDON ME?!
Still rolling around on the floor
Maeda-san?!

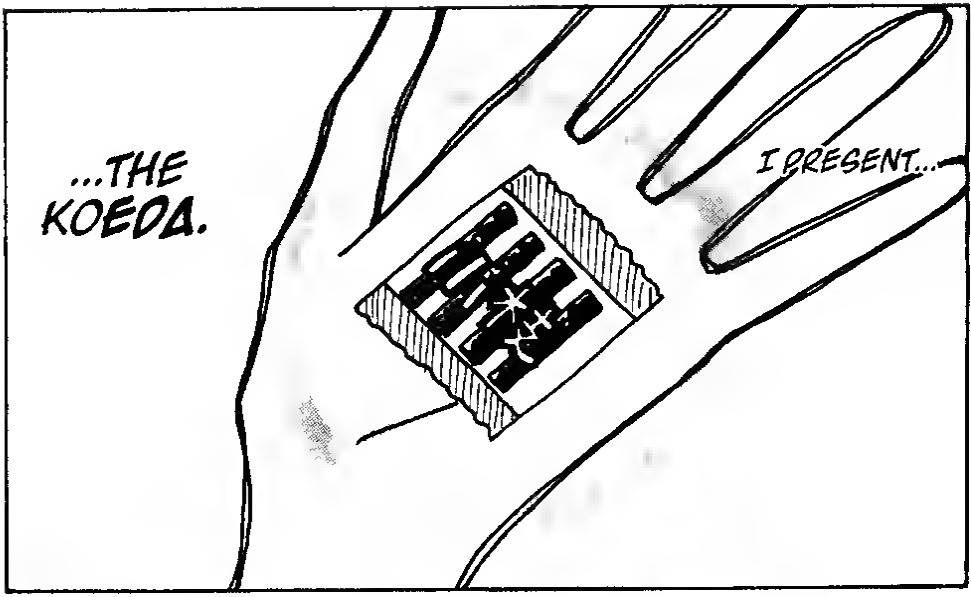


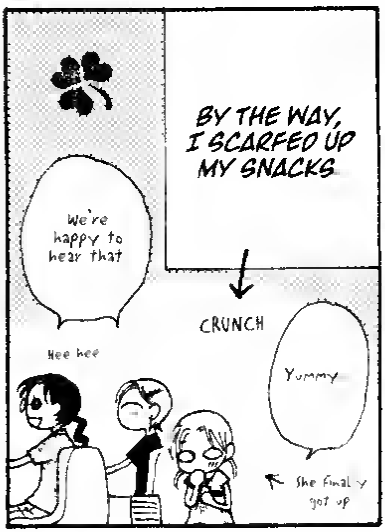


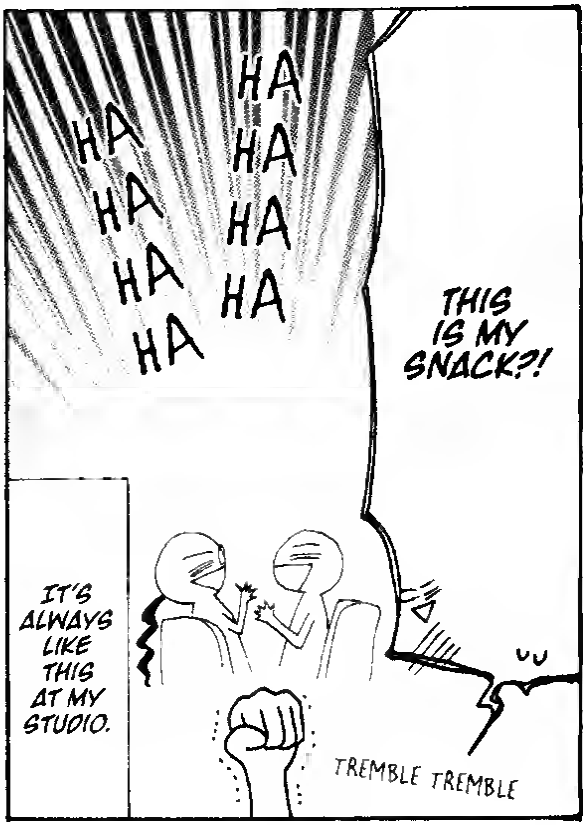


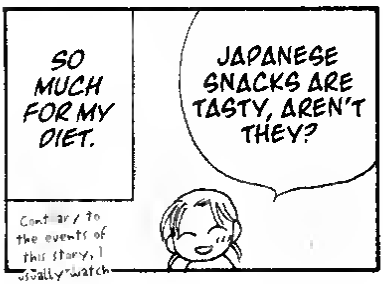


↑ Still rolling on the floor

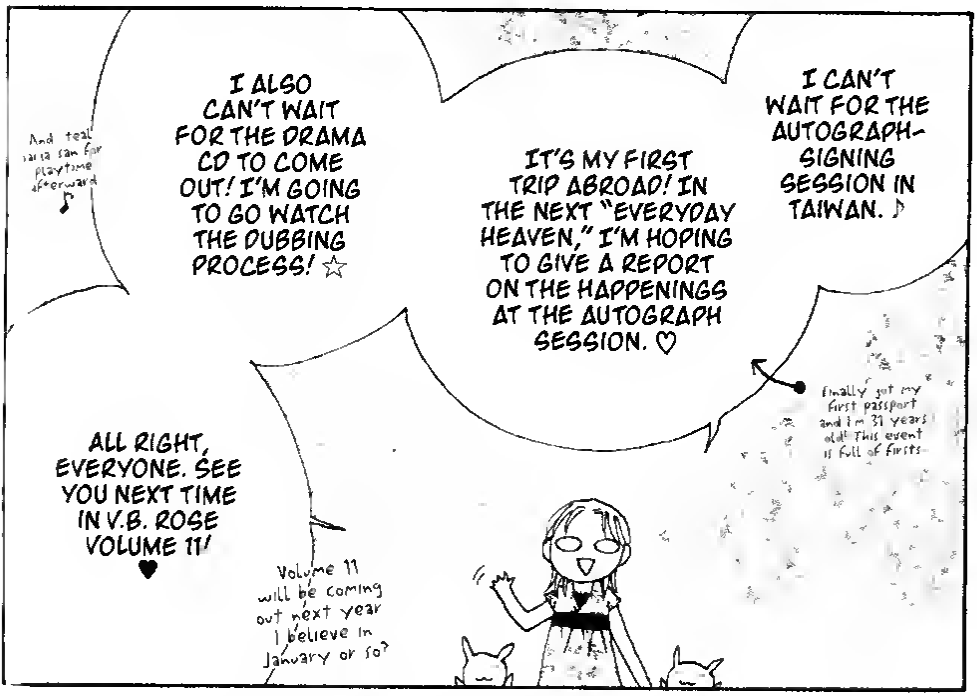

...THE KOEDA.
I PRESENT...


BY THE WAY, I SCARFED UP MY SNACKS
We're happy to hear that
CRUNCH
Yummy
Hee hee
She finally got up

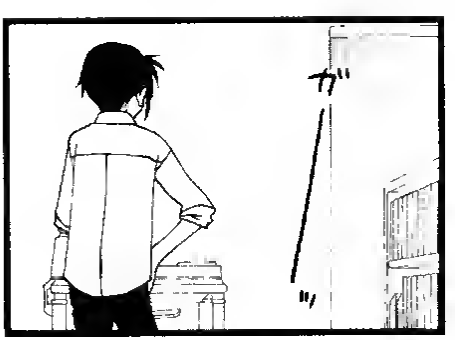

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
THIS IS MY SNACK?!
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS AT MY STUDIO.
TREMBLE TREMBLE
Can't get up


SO MUCH FOR MY DIET.
JAPANESE SNACKS ARE TASTY, AREN'T THEY?
Contrary to the events of this story, I usually watch what I eat

IT PLEASED ME THAT MY EDITOR LIKED THE KNEE-SQUEEZE SCENE. ♡
HOW DID YOU LIKE THE SCENE WITH MAKI AND KAZUHA'S DAUGHTER HINA IN VOLUME 10?
Hina Sugimoto was born in April.
IT WAS FUN FOR ME TO DRAW THAT. ♡


I ALSO CAN'T WAIT FOR THE DRAMA CD TO COME OUT! I'M GOING TO GO WATCH THE DUBBING PROCESS! ☆
IT'S MY FIRST TRIP ABROAD! IN THE NEXT "EVERYDAY HEAVEN," I'M HOPING TO GIVE A REPORT ON THE HAPPENINGS AT THE AUTOGRAPH SESSION. ♡
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE AUTOGRAPH-SIGNING SESSION IN TAIWAN. ♪
Finally got my first passport and I'm 31 years old! This event is full of firsts.
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE. SEE YOU NEXT TIME IN V.B. ROSE VOLUME 11! ♥
Volume 11 will be coming out next year I believe in January or so?

Banri Hidaka Everyday Heaven | End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make him my friend if it kills me!
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Rose
COMING SOON!
THE LONG-AWAITED STORY...
...OF YUKARI AND MITSUYA'S THRILLING FIRST ENCOUNTER!
DUM DAH DUUUUM!!
Y'KNOW, ME AND YUKARI, RIGHT?
THIS SPRING IS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY THAT WE MET!!
IS THAT SO?
FOR MITSUYA, IT'S LOVE (?!) AT FIRST SIGHT!!
WHETHER IT'S A MAN OR A WOMAN
ANYONE WHO UNDERESTIMATES ME IS GOING TO FIND THEMSELVES IN A WORLD OF PAIN
THIS ADORABLE FLOWER HIDES ONE HECK OF A THORN... AND A SECRET?!
THE FUN NEVER STOPS DURING YUKARI AND MITSUYA'S MIDDLE-SCHOOL SAGA!